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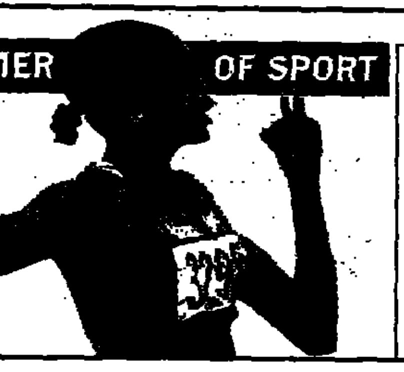

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## CJD 'risk' to babies of women victims

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

WOMEN who develop the human form of "mad cow" disease *may pass it on to their* children, a leading British expert warned yesterday.

Dr Sheila Gore, of the Medical Research Council's biostatistics unit in Cambridge, said monitoring was *vital, in the light of* new evidence that mad cow disease can be passed from mother to calf.

Dr Gore, who is among those who have has been pressing the Ministry of Agri*culture to publish results from* its experiments — because of the implications *its results* may have for human disease — yesterday welcomed the decision to do so. The original plan had been to keep the *experiment going until 1997*, with the scientists "blinded", unaware of which animals came from infected mothers and which did not. Pressure has forced the Ministry to abandon this experiment early.

"We need to know how many children there are born to women who later contract this variant of CJD [Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease]," Dr Gore said. "We also need to know *dates of birth,* so that the children can be flagged with the Registrar-General, *and* kept track of."

The Health Department said that such monitoring was already being done, as part of *the* work of the CJD Surveil-

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# Mad cows can pass disease to their calves

By Philip Webster, political editor, and Michael Dynes in Brussels

THE Government's efforts to restore faith in the beef industry suffered a new setback yesterday after it revealed evidence for the first time that "mad cow" disease can be *passed from mother to calf.*

The demolition of previous claims that the disease could only be passed through food threw its strategy for eradicating Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy into confusion.

*Ministers immediately* acknowledged that plans for the selective slaughter of 147,000 cows from previously infected herds would be rethought. Thousands more *may* have to be killed and the new findings *are likely to* delay any partial lifting of the export ban which, after the Florence summit, John Major predicted could happen within months.

*Last night,* in a surprise move signalling a potential *new confrontation between* London and Brussels, Franz Fischler, the *EU* Agriculture Commissioner, told the Government that the European Commission would now have to review its approval of Britain's previously agreed plans for eradicating the *disease.*

Herr Fischler has written to Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, asking for further details of the findings. *The EU's Standing Veterinary* Committee also said that if *Britain's selective* cull *had to* be extended, the progressive lifting of the European ban on exports of British beef would have to be delayed.

Earlier, a hastily arranged announcement by the Minis*try of Agriculture suggested* that the risk of so called "maternal transmission" was about 10 per cent in BSE-infected cattle and as low as 1 per cent across the national herd. Throughout the day, *government* officials emphasised that there was no additional risk to *human* health.

But Mr Hogg conceded that the existing slaughter *scheme* might have to be widened to include a limited number of the "last-borns" from infected cows. This was because government scientists had found during a study of 600 cattle born *in 1989 — half of them to* confirmed BSE cases — that *transmission of the disease* was more likely to occur in the latter stages of the incubation period. In virtually all the cases the mothers died within six months of giving birth.

However, the Government's *advisers appeared to differ* with Mr Hogg. Professor John Pattison, who chairs the BSE advisory committee, said that all calves of infected cattle *might* have to be slaughtered. "It is one option that has to be *considered,* " *he said.* Mr Hogg insisted that it was "logical" to consider killing only the last-born calf of infected cows.

The new findings may help to clear up the mystery of why *some 30,000 cattle, born after* the suspect feed blamed for causing BSE was banned, went on to contract the disease.

There are no conclusions on precisely how BSE was passed *from mothers to calves,* whether genetically, through the womb, or at birth. The Government said that while the route of maternal transmission was still a mystery, BSE could not be passed through milk. Calves did not drink the milk produced by *their mothers; that was saved* for human consumption.

Hogg: "slaughter will have to be extended"

As the Opposition parties criticised the way officials and not ministers had dropped the new bombshell at a Whitehall *briefing, critics of the Government's* BSE policy went on the warpath again *last night.*

Richard Lacey, a microbiologist at Leeds University who issued a warning long before the Government did that BSE could be transmitted to humans, said the findings implied that the disease was passed in the blood.

"If it's in the blood it means that all beef products are dangerous," he said. "This means there should be a total ban on beef products in this *country and we should* slaughter all infected herds. It is going to be devastating."

In Brussels Keith Meldrum, the Government's chief veterinary officer, told his EU colleagues of the result of the *study and said Britain would* now consider whether it was necessary to extend the planned selective slaughter of 147,000 cattle.

Around a million cattle aged 30 months and over are also *being slaughtered and Brussels* could even insist that the 30-month ceiling is lowered. Mr Meldrum faced a barrage of questions at an emergency meeting of the EU's standing veterinary committee.

Mr Hogg said: "We shall need to take stock of the *practical implications, in particular* for the proposed selective cull of cattle, and what basis of selection stands to produce the most effective acceleration in the decline of BSE."

Meanwhile, the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory *Committee, which advises the* Government on BSE and its human equivalent, *CJD,* insisted no new action was needed to protect public health.

In a statement the commit*tee said:* "There is no case for changing its recommenda*tions in relation to milk, meat,* blood or any other product which is currently permitted".

DAVE SIDAWAY/AP

*Julie Pound and her husband, Richard, at their home in Montreal, Canada, where she is a well-known author*

# Olympic oaths of top official's wife

From Quentin Letts in Atlanta

THE wife of a senior Olympic Games official was arrested, seemingly under the influence of alcohol, after she allegedly swore at a policewoman and kneed her in the groin.

Julie Pound, 55, was charged with disorderly con*duct, battery, causing an* obstruction and ignoring the orders of Officer Leanne Browning. Mrs Pound's husband, Richard, is a vice-president of the International Olympic Committee and is regarded as the most powerful man in the organisation after *its president, Juan Antonio* Samaranch.

The Pounds, who are Canadian, were returning to their hotel early on Wednesday when the *incident* occurred. They crossed a road, despite being ordered by Officer Browning, who was directing traffic, *to stay on the pave*ment. In her police report, Officer Browning said: "I told Mrs Pound and her husband to *'Stop please and step back* on to the kerb'. Instead of complying they proceeded further into the lane of traffic. I asked them three more times *to return to the kerb. Instead,* both Mrs Pound and her *husband* began arguing with me and stated that 'this is the *biggest waste of time*'."

Officer Browning said that when the couple saw a break in the traffic, Mrs Pound swore at her and crossed. When *she* ordered them to return, Mrs Pound again swore at her and walked on.

"At that point, to prevent her from leaving the scene, I grabbed her arm and told her she was under arrest. She called me a bitch and kneed me in the groin."

Mrs Pound shouted for help, telling onlookers that she *was being "brutalised". Of*ficer Browning "had to fight" to get handcuffs on her.

The Pounds are not the first *Olympic* visitors to have had trouble with Atlanta traffic police, who have repeatedly tried to stop jaywalkers.

Mr Pound has been one of the IOC's most vocal critics of Atlanta's handling of the *Games, and has criticised* transport problems and computer malfunctions. He has also joined other officials in expressing disenchantment at the overtly commercial approach adopted by the Atlanta organisers.

The couple live in Montreal where Mrs Pound is a respected fiction writer, writing under the name Julie Keith.

Mrs Pound is due to appear in court on August 26. It is *thought that she will be fined* and bound over.

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## Power utility leads bonanza

A new wave of utility shareholder *bonanzas* is expected in an attempt to beat the windfall *utilities tax planned* by a Labour government.

Yorkshire Electricity set the pace when it announced that next year's dividend would soar by *34 per cent* as a way of returning value to shareholders after a strong performance ..........Page 21

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# Official solicitor rules human embryos have no rights to avert being destroyed

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE *Official* Solicitor yesterday refused to intervene in the destruction of *thousands of* human embryos, saying that a child acquires *legal rights only* if it is born alive.

He spoke as 33 fertility *clinics* began to destroy more than 3,000 embryos that had been *frozen* in liquid nitrogen for five years. Peter Harris, whose *duty as* Official Solicitor is to protect the interests of children, declined *a request* from Life, the anti-abortion campaigners, to halt the de*struction.* Mr Harris used the principle of a "life in being" — *most commonly* applied by inheritance lawyers to divide legacies — *to* explain his inability to intervene: "My view is that I could *not act for* a non-legal person and an embryo is not a legal person," *he said.*

"A child has an independent legal persona when it is born. This doesn't mean to say that things which happen *in utero* don't give rise to cases of action if the child is born alive. For instance, if a mother has been injured in a road traffic accident and a child has been *born suffering from injuries* suffered in the womb, a child has successfully sued the person who caused the accident for damages.

"If the mother had miscarried, there would have been no right of action in relation to the foetus. It would be dead. It wouldn't have an estate that would carry on.

"There was a *recent* case where a mother was knifed by somebody and the foetus was injured. The child was born but died. The person who stabbed the mother was convicted of the murder of the child. There would be no criminal liability in terms of *murder* in relation to the foetus if the child had been born *dead.* A child born *alive* has independent legal rights, not least of which is the right to life."

The Prime Minister failed to reply before the midnight deadline to the Life's request to extend it for six months.

At Bourn Hall fertility clinic *in Cambridgeshire,* Peter Brinsden, the *director,* laid most of the blame for the destruction of the embryos on the parents who had either failed to reply to registered letters or moved without telling the clinic. "If you had £10,000 in the bank, you wouldn't *normally ignore* it for five years," he said. "These *are even more important than* £10,000. If couples shirk their responsibilities like that we have no choice but to destroy them."

The centres had lost touch with their parents, and embryos can be kept for longer than five years only with parental permission.

The embryos, consisting of *four cells or fewer,* were being thawed and placed in water or salt solution at room temperature to perish before being incinerated. Some clinics expect to take two days to complete the task.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority *had warned Mr Brinsden that* his clinic would be closed if he failed to comply with the rules.

One American woman, who had seen a report about the destruction on CNN television, telephoned Bourn Hall at 7pm on Wednesday, with just five hours to spare to save her embryos. She also paid the backlog of her bill for storing *them.*

One or two drops of alcohol were applied *to each of 60* thawed embryos at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to break down their cells.

"Of course, one is not happy about destroying them but the law is quite clear and it has to be done," Dr Brian Lieberman, consultant in *charge of in-vitro fertilisation,* said. "The day of reckoning has come."

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## Italians convict former SS officer

*An Italian military court* convicted Erich Priebke, a former *SS captain, of taking* part in the *massacre* of 335 civilians in Nazi-occupied Rome, but ordered his immediate release because of extenuating circumstances.

Priebke, 83, was accused of *mass murder* aggravated by premeditation and cruelty in *the killings at the* Ardeatine Caves on March 24, 1944. The prosecution had sought life imprisonment ..........Page 11

## Mother is road rage victim

Nicola Archer was attacked by a man with a screwdriver *in a road-rage incident* near Eastbourne. She escaped with a cut to her arm after winding up her car window.

Mrs Archer, 22, was with her three young children in a queue of stationary traffic when a car driven by a woman with a male passenger *came round the corner* behind her. The man got out and became very aggressive. Police are appealing for witnesses.

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# Reassuring statements that fail to win confidence

By Philip Webster
POLITICAL EDITOR

**THE GOVERNMENT**

ONCE again the Government has contradicted its own past advice on mad cow disease. Years of reassurances from ministers and scientists that there is no evidence that cows can pass BSE on to calves were overturned yesterday by the Ministry of Agriculture's statement that "there may be very low levels of maternal transmission of BSE in cattle".

Like all previous BSE "thunderbolts", yesterday's came out of the blue. Conveniently for the Government it came in the week after the Commons rose for the long summer recess.

Although the Government received the results of the seven-year study by the epidemiology department at the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Weybridge, in the middle of last month, officials insisted yesterday that it was not in a position to release it at that time. Instead, as usual, the findings were sent to the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (Seac) for assessment and its conclusions landed on the desks of ministers early this week.

However, the manner of yesterday's announcement was not exactly designed to raise public confidence in the Government's handling of an issue on which previous soothing words have proved to be worthless. It was driven by the fact that Keith Meldrum, the chief veterinary officer, was due to appear at yesterday's meeting in Brussels at a meeting of European Union vets.

In the past Britain has been berated for keeping them in the dark: it was decided therefore that Mr Meldrum would tell all at this meeting, and that the press would also be told at home. Specialist correspondents were invited along to a ministry talk from experts.

The BBC sent several reporters and what was intended to be a tight briefing developed into something close to a press conference. No ministers were present and it was only after the news broke during the morning that Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, went into action with a series of broadcasts.

The Government was swift to assure the public that the latest findings had no implications for human health. The public may be forgiven for treating those words with some caution.

BSE came to public attention in 1985 at a cattle show near Ashford, Kent, where cows were showing unusual symptoms, identified the following year as BSE. In 1988 scientists said it affected only older cattle fed on scrapie-infected sheep offal, and the ministry said there was no evidence to suggest it could cross the species barrier to affect others. The next year the Government's specialist committee said the disease could not be passed from cow to calf. In 1993 independent scientists began warning of a link between BSE and a disease that affected humans, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). However, the Government continued to deny that it could cross the species barrier, with ministers stating that there was no evidence that BSE could be transmitted to humans.

It was in March this year that Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said for the first time that government scientists believed there was a possible link between mad cow disease and CJD in humans. Its claim that beef could be eaten with confidence was met with a worldwide ban imposed by the EU and steeply falling sales in Britain. However, the Government again insisted that the disease could not be transmitted from cows to calves.

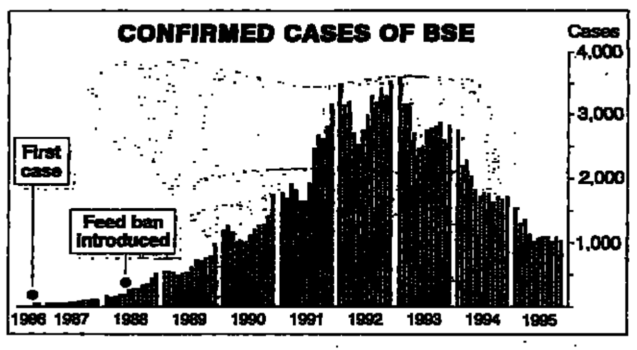
Only two weeks ago came another "thunderbolt". There was now a strong possibility that BSE could affect sheep and there was risk inherent in the consumption of the brain, spinal chord or intestines. Yesterday's admission that the disease could pass from generation to generation punched the latest hole in the Government's campaign to allay public concern. Its record so far suggests it may not be the last.

### Findings raise possibility that human strain can be passed from infected mothers to their children

# Calves discovery hits BSE eradication plan

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

**THE SCIENTISTS**



THE discovery by government scientists that cows can pass on BSE to their calves means that eradicating the disease from British herds is likely to prove more difficult than thought. The seven-year study also raises the possibility that women who have suffered from the human version of BSE, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, may pass it on to their children.

The results suggest that sporadic cases of BSE are likely to occur for many years. However, the Ministry of Agriculture said that the transmission from cow to calf was rare enough to ensure that BSE levels, which are falling at present by 40 per cent a year, should continue to decline rapidly.

The findings stem from an experiment in which 315 calves from cows which developed BSE were compared with a similar number of calves from cows of the same herd which had not shown signs of the disease by the age of six. Conducted by the Central Veterinary Laboratory on a farm in Yorkshire, the experiment involved monitoring the calves as they grew to see whether the offspring of BSE cows were more likely to contract the disease than those whose mothers were free of it.

By July 14, 273 animals in each group had reached the age of seven and had been slaughtered, or had developed disease. Of those with BSE-infected mothers, 42 have been confirmed as having BSE. In the other group, 13 have developed BSE. This means that there is an excess risk in the group with BSE-infected mothers of 29, or roughly 10 per cent of the calves. It follows that about one in ten of the calves born to BSE-infected cows is likely to get the disease from its mother.

The experiment proves that maternal transmission takes place, but does not give a very accurate estimate of how great it is. All the calves in the study were born in the 13 months before their mothers showed clinical evidence of BSE, and the great majority within five months of clinical onset.

Putting the best possible complexion on the figures, the ministry suggests that the risk is concentrated in the last six months or so before clinical symptoms appear. Since cows on average produce calves over five years, or 60 months, this means — the ministry asserts — that the 10 per cent risk is in reality only 1 per cent in farm conditions.

If true, this means that only the last calf born to a cow before she develops BSE stands a real risk of getting the disease. So a slaughter policy that concentrated on the final calf born to an infected mother might be justified, and is one option being considered by the ministry.

Typically, cows have their first calf when they are a year or two old. After that, a farmer would aim for a further calf every year for as long as the cow is productive, typically seven or eight years, but sometimes longer. That means that a dairy cow *might* have six or more calves during her career.

The Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC), in a statement issued yesterday, concedes that the experiment "does not provide a good estimate of the risk to animals born more than six months before the onset of BSE in the dam". Only if the risk of transmission is insignificant before that time is the 1 per cent figure quoted by the ministry appropriate.

Kevin Taylor, Assistant Chief Veterinary Officer, said it was still a mystery how the disease was transmitted from cow to calf. It could not be passed through milk, because the calves of dairy cows do not drink their mother's milk. It was possible infection could occur through the embryo, placenta or uterine discharge.

He also said that it was difficult to quantify how many calves had acquired BSE from their mothers. Of a total of 28,402 cases of BSE in animals born after infected feed was banned, 1,203 were the offspring of diseased animals. "That rate is 4.2 per cent, but that's misleading because many of them will also have been exposed to the risk of feed" he said. The figure was broadly consistent with the research findings.

The study involved calves from cows infected with BSE compared with calves from those that showed no signs

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said: "It is important to keep this information in perspective. The Chief Veterinary Officer endorses SEAC's conclusions that there is no case for changing recommendations in relation to milk, meat or any other product which is currently permitted."

But Dr Helen Grant, a retired neuropathologist from Charing Cross Hospital in London, who has been a constant critic of the Government over BSE, said that the ministry should now follow advice to ban calves' brains from human consumption.

"This makes it clear that when the calves are born, they may have infected brains," she said. "They should be excluded from the food chain, as the House of Commons Select Committee recommended as long ago as July, 1990."

A spokesman for the ministry confirmed that there are no restrictions on the use of materials from calves less than six months old. "SEAC have advised that at present there is no need to change these regulations, but no doubt they will keep it under consideration. The food manufacturers have told us that calves' brains are not in fact used in food products."

The Committee considered whether evidence of maternal transmission calls into question the existing recommendations to protect public health. These were drawn up on the assumption that BSE could be a risk to man, still not proven, and on the assumption that maternal transmission could occur. The committee concluded that there was no case for changing its recommendations in relation to milk, meat, blood or any other permitted product.

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# Latest findings may endanger fragile meat market recovery

By Michael Horsnell

**THE INDUSTRY**

THE livestock industry had yet to feel the impact of the Ministry of Agriculture's announcement last night. The auction market average price of beef actually rose from Wednesday's 95.61p per kilo to 96.08p yesterday, according to the Meat and Livestock Commission, which said the news had not prompted panic.

Farmers will anxiously watch market trends today as the news that BSE can be passed from cow to calf is assessed by consumers. Sales of beef have returned to nearly 80 per cent of their pre-scare level in March and the retail trade desperately hopes the return of public confidence will not be damaged.

The Consumers' Association meanwhile renewed its advice to shoppers buying the Sunday roast that they should buy the "safe" muscle cuts of beef only if they consider acceptable whatever risk that might accompany it, and avoid beef products. David Dickinson, editor of *Health Which?*, published by the association, said: "The government gave people the impression that maternal transmission wasn't the case.

"What the new statement raises now is the distinct possibility that calves born to BSE-infected cows which have not developed the symptoms may well have got into the food chain. There is nothing to stop that."

The Meat and Livestock Commission acknowledged that the Government may need to review its approach to the selective slaughter programme proposed by the EU as a precondition to reopening export markets to British beef. But Colin Maclean, its director general, said: "The important point is that this result poses no threat to human health. All the safeguards which have already been put in place ensure the safety of British beef which can be eaten with confidence. All these findings may mean is that it may take slightly longer to eradicate BSE from cattle totally."

The commission said the sharp downward trend in the number of BSE cases, from 1,000 a week in 1993 to fewer than 200 a week now, would not be affected. Sir David Naish, president of the NFU, said: "The announcement confirms what we have all believed would be the probable outcome of research into maternal transmission, but mercifully at the lowest level.

"I am relieved that the likely transmission rate is put at only 1 per cent. There is more and more evidence that the action that has been taken is enough and that BSE is in dramatic decline."

He said that infected feed had remained the source of BSE and that the impact of the 1988 feed ban had led to a dramatic fall in BSE numbers, which were declining at a rate of about a third year on year.

Sainsbury's reported that sales of beef, running at between 75-80 per cent of pre-scare levels, were continuing to recover steadily. Diane Lamb, the supermarket chain's head of press, said: "We have looked at it and nothing new has come out of the report. It doesn't affect our policy.

"In 1990 we launched our "Farm Assured Scheme" which gives us full traceability on all our meat. All our British beef is under 30 months old."

Devon dairy farmer Brian Jennings, who has 220 head of cattle, said: "What has been said does not come as a surprise. The overwhelming conviction of farmers is that BSE is linked to contaminated feed and there has always been a suspicion that there may be a genetic susceptibility which compounds the problem. Most farmers will have accepted advice not to breed from siblings of dams that have gone down with BSE."

## Precautions sufficient, say French farmers

From Ben Macintyre
IN PARIS

**CONSUMER groups in France reacted with shock yesterday to the British statement but farm unions said that safety precautions already in place were sufficient to prevent further public panic in France.**

**Vincent Perot, scientific director of the Confederation of Living Environment, said: "If the disease can be handed down through the generations, that could massively increase the problem ... simply slaughtering cows over a certain age may not be sufficient."**

**The French Ministry of Agriculture declined to comment but the French Young Farmers' Union said that the possibility of passing on the disease from cow to calf would not affect cattle breeders, given the government's policy of slaughtering entire herds when a single cow was found to be infected.**

**Consumption of beef in France has dropped by almost a third since March.**

# CJD 'risk to babies of women victims'

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lance Unit in Edinburgh. "They look at the family history of all cases of CJD, and that would go forwards as well as backwards" a spokeswoman said.

So far, the CJD unit has identified 11 patients with the form of CJD which has been tentatively linked with BSE. All but one have already died, and none have been named by the unit, so it is impossible to say whether any were mothers with children who may be at risk.

Dr Gore points out that human births take place in far more controlled conditions than calving, which may reduce the risk of transmission. But it is not clear how maternal transmission in cows occurs. If it is in the womb rather than during birth or after birth, it may just as easily occur in humans.

"I am not trying to cause alarm but I think it is important that the question of maternal transmission is raised for all species that are subject to these diseases" she said.

"For the first time we are seeing cases of CJD in women still in their child-bearing years. We have no idea of the risk of maternal transmission. All I am saying is let us not make the mistake of not getting the data." At least three mothers died of CJD last year. Although it is unclear whether they had the new strain — which could be linked with BSE — it is known to afflict the under-45s. Old-style CJD usually strikes after the age of 63.

Jean Wake, 38, a divorcee with a 15-year-old daughter from Washington, Tyne and Wear, died last November after a long illness. She had spent four months in hospital, the last three unable to recognise her family. Her mother Nora Greenhalgh, 74, from Sunderland, had been sent a letter by John Major stating: "I must reassure you that there is no evidence to suggest that eating meat causes this sort of illness in people."

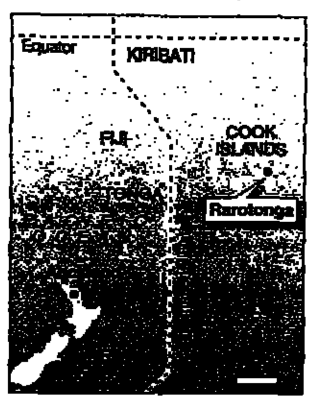
Michelle Bowen, 29, of Harpurhey, Manchester, also died last November, weeks after her baby was delivered by Caesarian section while she was in a coma. She had worked in a butcher's shop when she was a teenager. Her symptoms included mood swings.

Margaret Garland, 52, a mother of two, died in June last year. Her husband John, a microbiologist, accused the Government at the time of treating consumers like dirt.

# Nurse drowns on first day of 50th birthday trip

By A Staff Reporter

Margaret Lynch: waves were too strong for her



A NURSE drowned on the first day of a holiday in the South Pacific to celebrate her forthcoming 50th birthday and her sister's 30th wedding anniversary, it emerged yesterday.

Margaret Lynch, from Meppershall, Bedfordshire, who was also a swimming instructor, was overpowered by a freak wave as the fringes of a massive tropical storm swept over the small island of Rarotonga, part of the Cook Islands.

Mrs Lynch, who had gone out in a rowing boat with her brother-in-law while her husband Eddie was recovering from jet-lag, was flung into the sea after the boat capsized. Local fishermen tried in vain to rescue her.

Mrs Lynch, her sister Sheena and brother-in-law Peter Thomasson had decided to go snorkelling in the lagoon between the shore and the coral reefs that ring Rarotonga. They were unaware that the massive waves crashing over the reefs were not normal, but caused by a huge tropical storm that was also causing chaos in Hawaii, 4,000 miles to the north.

Mr Thomasson said: "It looked like paradise, absolutely wonderful. We were far enough from the storm that we could not see the bad weather, only the waves. There was an enormous sea out on the outer reef, which we didn't realise was totally unusual for the island. We had only been there for eight hours and this was the first time we had had a look at the lagoon. The three of us decided to row out to some islands about 200 yards away and do some snorkelling, leaving Eddie to have a lie-in.

"On the way, we stopped to change position so I could row more comfortably, and when we sat down again we noticed that we had actually drifted quite a long way. It turned out that, unbeknown to us, there was a horrendous current in the lagoon, dragging us towards this huge great surf on the outer reef.

"I was trying to row like nobody's business, but I just couldn't beat the current. We were being dragged inexorably towards the waves, which looked as big as a house."

A local man spotted the Britons' distress and set out in a small rowing-boat, picking Mrs Thomasson up and returning her to shore. Before he could get back to rescue the other two, their boat had been capsized.

Mr Thomasson said: "Margaret and I were being ducked underwater by every wave, but we managed to hang on to the boat and I attached a line from it to his boat. The chap was a very strong rower and very brave, but he seemed to be being dragged towards the waves. Then I realised that some fishermen in a boat with an outboard motor had gone out to the other side of the surf.

"He had decided that the only way to save us was to go through the waves to them, but we got into even rougher seas and both boats were capsized and all three of us were being knocked about by horrendous waves. Margaret was a swimming instructor in her spare time and a strong swimmer, but the sea was so rough, it was too much even for her."

Mr Thomasson made it through the surf to the waiting fishermen, and the local rower managed to swim to shore.

Mr Thomasson said: "It was terrible having to tell Eddie what had happened. He was distraught. The dreadful thing is that the next day it was completely calm again and there were little boys out in boats there, having no difficulties at all."

The bereaved holidaymakers were visited by Rarotonga's Prime Minister, who paid his condolences. They flew back to England two days after the accident on July 20, but Mrs Lynch's body could not be brought back for some time. An inquest into her death was opened in Bedfordshire yesterday.

A fund has been set up in Mrs Lynch's memory to thank the Rarotongans for their help in trying to save her. It will be donated to the island's health service.

MICHAEL CRABTREE

Lady Sarah Chatto leaving hospital with her husband and their son, who arrived on Sunday weighing 7lb 12oz

# Royal Family's new member waits for proud parents to name names

By Alan Hamilton

**THE child 14th in line to the throne emerged from the Portland Hospital in London yesterday, still officially without a name. The boy, born on Sunday, is Princess Margaret's first grandchild.**

**Asked how she was feeling, Lady Sarah Chatto, with her hair tied in a pony tail and wearing loose green trousers and a mustard smock top, said: "Great."**

**The child is blessed with having no title and no foreseeable public role in spite of being a great-grandson of King George VI, because his father is a commoner. The former Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, 32, younger child of the Queen's sister and the Earl of Snowdon, married Daniel Chatto, 39, in 1994. They live quietly away from public scrutiny in a flat in west London.**

**The Queen's only niece was said to be in good health after the birth. Lady Sarah's father and Mr Chatto's mother, Ros, were the first to visit mother and baby. Lady Sarah told the Royal Family of her pregnancy during a visit to Windsor Castle last Christmas. The Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon, who divorced in 1978, were said by Buckingham Palace to be delighted.**

**The baby will be in the same position as the children of the Princess Royal, Peter and Zara Phillips. Their father, Captain Mark Phillips, was also a commoner so they inherit neither title nor position, irrespective of the fact that their mother is the Queen's daughter. They, too, have the good fortune to enjoy a relatively private life with no official duties.**

**Mr Chatto, a former actor, and Lady Sarah, who attended a south London art college, are both artists who travel regularly to the Continent to paint together. Lady Sarah's older brother, Viscount Linley, and his wife Serena Stanhope married in 1993 but do not yet have children.**

**Baby Chatto's claim to the throne comes in a queue preceded by the Prince of Wales, Prince William, Prince Harry, the Duke of York, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Prince Edward, the Princess Royal, Peter Phillips, Zara Phillips, Princess Margaret, Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Chatto.**

# Book on 'killings' is fiction, RUC says

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE Royal Ulster Constabulary said yesterday that a book claiming that an SAS squad assassinated 30 terrorist suspects in Northern Ireland in the early 1970s was fiction.

The RUC's judgment on *The Nemesis File*, by Paul Bruce, the pseudonym of a man claiming to have been a member of the death squad, was issued after the author's interrogation at a Belfast police station. He was arrested at his flat in England on Wednesday. The book, published by Blake Publishing last autumn, is to come out in paperback next month.

The RUC said it was satisfied the allegations in the book "are not true in fact or substance and this includes an assertion that the author was at some time a member of the Special Air Service Regiment". The RUC was satisfied that the author had not been concerned, either directly or indirectly, "in the commission of any serious criminal offence whilst serving in the Province". The RUC established that Mr Bruce had served as a vehicle mechanic with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers during 1972. The statement said the investigation into the matter was closed.

Yesterday, after Mr Bruce was released, John Blake, the book's publisher, said he remained convinced that the author was telling the truth.

☐ Nationalists in Londonderry have removed the Unionist mayor's privileges after his participation in a loyalist protest last month. Richard Dallas, an Ulster Unionist, will hold office in name only.

The move was initiated by the Social Democratic and Labour Party, which controls the city council, after the mayor joined a loyalist blockade in the city during July's stand-off in Drumcree over an Orange parade. It represents a blow to cross-community relations.

# Greek tycoon's home raided by armed gang

By Adam Fresco

A BRANDY tycoon has had money and jewellery worth thousands of pounds stolen from his home by an armed gang who handcuffed his mother-in-law to the banister as they searched the house.

Detectives are investigating possible links between the robbery at the home of Spiro Metaxas and other raids across the country in the past 20 months that have netted at least £1 million.

In March the wife of Ron Atkinson, the Coventry City football manager, was handcuffed to banisters at her home in Birmingham as three men in balaclavas stole her £10,000 engagement ring. All the victims have been tied up or handcuffed and threatened. One brand of handcuffs is believed to have been used in all the raids with the keys left just out of reach.

In the latest attack, on Wednesday night, Stephanie Slater, the mother-in-law of Mr Metaxas, one of the brothers who sold Metaxa, Greece's leading spirits producer, to Grand Met in 1989 for £100 million, was alone watching television in the house at Godalming, Surrey, when the five raiders, wearing balaclavas, ran down the stairs and shot a Rotweiller guard dog through the chest.

They had used a ladder to get in through a bedroom window. Mrs Slater was forced to open the family safe before being handcuffed. They then searched the rest of the house for valuables.

She freed herself and dialled 999. Police are checking security cameras at the house, which is set in three acres of secluded grounds and regularly patrolled by uniformed guards with dogs.

Last night detectives were trying to contact Mr Metaxas and his wife Kimberley, who are on holiday with their two sons. Mrs Metaxas is a well-known showjumper who competes in dressage events.

In other attacks, Eddie Healey, a millionaire property entrepreneur, was threatened and handcuffed at his house near Hull by a gang that escaped with cash and jewellery worth £250,000. Bill Bell, chairman of Port Vale Football Club, and his wife Jean were tied to a radiator in their home in Staffordshire. In Warwickshire, George Webster was at home with his wife when men burst in and threatened to kill them unless they opened the safe.

# Boy hurt by army training explosive

By Kathryn Knight

A BOY aged 14 was badly burnt when a thunderflash left over from a military training exercise exploded in his face. Doctors may have to operate to save Simon Richardson's sight after he picked up the firecracker as he explored sand dunes on a military beach near Perranporth, Cornwall.

Simon's parents, Colin and Jill Richardson, from Durham, condemned the Defence Ministry for not providing adequate warning signs. The army training range borders on a holidaymakers' area and there are warning signs but no fence. Mr and Mrs Richardson said the peeling signs failed to provide sufficient warning.

Simon is understood to have taken the device back to the holiday camp and opened it, when it exploded. He was taken to the burns unit at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. He has a badly damaged right eye, damaged left eye, badly swollen lips and burns on 10 per cent of his body.

An MoD spokesman said that he was "extremely sorry" about what had happened but signs clearly indicated that people should keep out of the area.

# It's a good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll engagement

By Carol Midgley

*Gallagher and Kensit:* turbulent courtship

**LIAM GALLAGHER**, rebellious singer with the pop group Oasis, confirmed his engagement to actress Patsy Kensit yesterday after a turbulent seven-month relationship that has followed the finest traditions of rock'n'roll love affairs. The couple exchanged rings from an antique shop in Hatton Garden, London, and will marry when Miss Kensit's divorce from Jim Kerr, singer with the group Simple Minds, is finalised.

Yesterday at Miss Kensit's home in St John's Wood, Gallagher, 23, who proposed a month ago, said he thought the engagement was "great". The news also pleased his mother, Peggy Gallagher, who said from her council home in Burnage, Manchester yesterday: "I'm absolutely thrilled for both of them. Patsy is such a nice girl. She was really good to me when I was ill. I've known for a few days because Liam phoned up to tell me."

The couple began dating publicly in January soon after Miss Kensit, 28, announced her separation from Kerr, who used to be married to Chrissy Hynde, lead singer with The Pretenders. Weeks later they were seen kissing at a Dublin fashion show.

During a fiery relationship which has at times been more off than on the couple's every disagreement has been faithfully charted by the press. On one occasion Miss Kensit was photographed kicking Gallagher and his car after he had spent the night at the home of the supermodel Kate Moss.

☐ Radio One DJ Chris Evans will be staying in Scotland for at least another week in spite of distaste over his jokes about "tartan tottie" and Scottish accents when he broadcast the *Breakfast Show* from Inverness on Monday. He is booked into a 15th-century Scottish castle 30 miles to the south of Inverness for a week, and is already contemplating new Scottish venues for the show.

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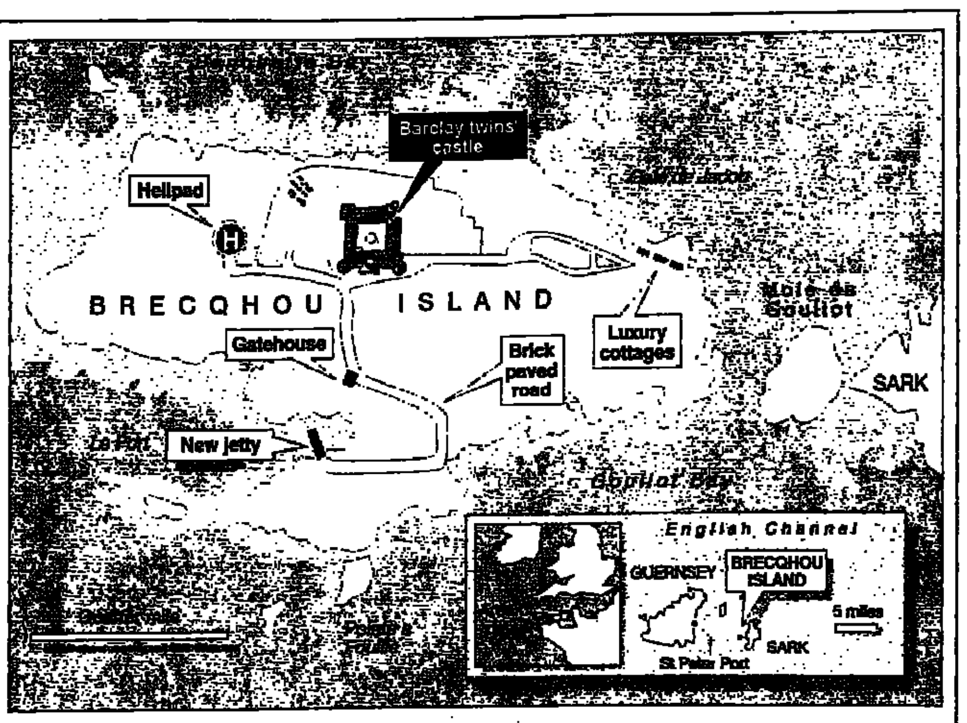
# Reclusive twins test island's feudal ties

From Philip Jeune
in Jersey



**BRITAIN's wealthiest twins moved to their new home on the tiny Channel Island of Brecqhou this week. They will soon find out if an Englishman's castle really is his home.**

**David and Frederick Barclay, whose personal fortune is estimated to be at least £650 million, will be spending August with their families in an as yet unfinished Gothic-style castle on the island, the lease to which they acquired for £2.3 million in 1993.**

**The brothers are passionate about their privacy. Yet their move has been accompanied by a string of legal actions brought on their behalf that have attracted the very publicity they are so keen to avoid.**

**Since buying the lease of Brecqhou, they have sued Guernsey's local paper, the BBC Director-General John Birt, an *Observer* journalist and Michael Beaumont, the Seigneur of neighbouring Sark.**

**In their action against Mr Beaumont, the twins are questioning the constitutional relationship between Sark, one of the few remaining feudal states in the world, and Brecqhou. When they bought the lease, the Barclays had to pay a thirteenth of the price — the "treizieme" — to Mr Beaumont, which amounted to £179,000. In their action they are seeking the return of these feudal dues; a declaration that Brecqhou is not part of the fief of Sark; the amendment of their title deeds to reflect the true legal position; and clarification of the laws of Brecqhou concerning inheritance rights and alienation.**

**The action against the *Guernsey Evening Press & Star* was over the paper's publication of drawings of the castle, which the brothers considered to be private documents. The paper filed a defence in 1995, since when no further action has been taken.**

**The recent libel action against Mr Birt and the journalist John Sweeney was brought by the Barclays in St Malo, France. It stemmed from an interview with Mr Sweeney, broadcast on BBC Radio Guernsey but heard in France, in which he was alleged to have accused the brothers of corruption. They sought damages of £108,000 but the case was thrown out after the judge said it was "unacceptable".**

# Drivers face M-way junction closures across the country

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THE sudden closure of one of the country's busiest motorway junctions for repairs expected to take a year could be repeated on other main routes because of the scale of cuts in the roads maintenance programme.

The Highways Agency has shut junction two of the M1 in north London for safety reasons with less than four hours' notice. Tests showed that it was unsafe and needed £2.5 million of strengthening work, the agency said.

The Five Ways Corner junction, which links the M1 with the A1, was closed at 9pm on Wednesday, causing long tailbacks. The agency said tests of the strength of the slip-road showed it was unsafe although there was only a minimal risk of it collapsing. Repair work will not begin until January and is unlikely to be completed before next summer.

Lawrie Haynes, the agency's chief executive, said that Treasury cuts in his maintenance budget meant "funding will not be sufficient" to avoid a further deterioration of the roads network. Mr Haynes, who has been fighting a Whitehall battle to protect his budget in the present spending round, said in a letter to an MP that the agency "expects to be able to maintain safety" but that many vital repair projects will have to be put off until next year or 1998.

The agency's £1.6 billion maintenance budget was cut by 4 per cent last year and is expected to be reduced again by the Chancellor in his search for public spending cuts.

Hundreds of motorway bridge and road structures built in the 1950s and 1960s need repairing because of unforeseen levels of traffic and because they were built to low specifications.

Pressure on the agency's maintenance budget has been increased by a European Union decision to allow 40-tonne trucks into Britain from 1999. Mr Haynes said that 1,756 trunk road bridges, including 34 motorway bridges, may need strengthening.

The next big motorway closure is due in February when work begins on testing the M4 Chiswick flyover in west London for "concrete cancer". Motoring organisations have said that the work could lead to ten years of disruption.

☐ The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency is failing in its main duty to encourage motorists to license their vehicles, the Commons Public Accounts Committee says in a report published today.

The agency, which collects £4 billion a year and has seen an 18 per cent increase in the level of evasion since 1989, makes little effort to "go after" tax evaders or to penalise persistent offenders. The report says that shoddy collecting is costing the taxpayer £163 million a year.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Charles Kray: arrested

### Kray held after drug seizure

**Charles Kray, the elder brother of the Kray twins, was questioned yesterday by detectives investigating a plot to supply cocaine worth £80 million. Kray, 70, was arrested with two other men after a three-month operation in east London. Cocaine worth £60,000 was seized. In a separate initiative against drug trafficking, police made 31 arrests yesterday in raids across south London.**

### Synod accused

**A vote of no confidence in the General Synod of the Church of England has been passed by the Lower Heyford parochial church council in Oxfordshire, which claims its agenda has been "captured" by special interest groups.**

### Legion's image

**The Royal British Legion is to update its image with a £250,000 campaign highlighting the plight of troops in modern wars and the needs of their families. Posters will focus on conflicts in Bosnia, Rwanda and the Gulf.**

### Generous Getty

**J. Paul Getty has donated £50,000 to the National Galleries of Scotland's appeal to save Il Guercino's *Erminia Finding the Wounded Tancred* from being exported. The appeal has until August 15 to raise £225,624.**

### School fire

**The 19th-century main building of Bedstone College, Shropshire, has been badly damaged by fire. The blaze in the listed Calendar building, which has 365 windows and 52 rooms, broke out during redecoration.**

## CORRECTIONS

**☐ The consolidated unfunded governmental pension debt for the European Union is £10,000 billion, not £10 billion as incorrectly printed in Mr Norris McWhirter's letter of July 31.**

**☐ Mr Robin Whitworth (obituary, July 31) was 85 when he died, not 95 as stated.**

# Relatives see film of sunken carrier

By Jonathan Prynn

RELATIVES of some of the 42 British seamen and two wives who died in the unsolved loss of the bulk carrier *Derbyshire* have been shown video footage of the wreck on the floor of the Pacific Ocean.

The sequences, taken as part of a government-funded exploration of the wreck site, show clear views of the stern of the 160,000-tonne vessel, the biggest British vessel lost at sea. Five family members were shown the footage at a briefing by three assessors appointed to carry out the £2 million investigation ordered by the Government after an inquiry headed by Lord Donaldson.

A remote control mini-submarine equipped with three cameras spent ten hours around the wreckage of the *Derbyshire*, which sank in a typhoon in 1980 and is broken into bow and stern sections 700 yards apart.

The footage increases hopes that the cause of the loss will be revealed. The video removes one possibility, that the *Derbyshire* had run into problems in high seas after losing its rudder.

# Foreign vice may have fatal charm

## MEDICAL BRIEFING

IF HIV-1, subtype E, had become established in South-East Asia before the late Lord Moynihan had started his brothels, it is unlikely that he would have died a millionaire. On the same day that the High Court unravelled his matrimonial arrangements, it was reported that some doctors believe that subtype E, which is prevalent in South-East Asia, could be more readily spread by heterosexual intercourse than subtype B, the common European variant.

There seems little evidence that the HIV epidemic among heterosexuals in South-East Asia is a result of any change in the virulence of the virus. Even so, this should discourage anyone who may be planning a visit to the New Dawn of Life massage parlour in the Philippines, a significant contributor to the Moynihan fortune.

HIV types 1 and 2 have long been recognised as unstable viruses: they are subject to both mutation and recombination. As yet no mutation has produced a virulent form of HIV, so the disease has been relatively difficult to catch through heterosexual intercourse and has, seemingly, been spread only rarely by accidental infection.

When the worldwide epidemic started, the instability of the virus caused alarm and considerable public debate in the United States, whereas in Britain little was said publicly. However, Barney Hayhoe told me that while he was Health Minister in the mid 1980s this hazard was regularly discussed in the department. The prevalence of prostitution is more likely to be responsible for the spread of HIV in South-East Asia than any predeliction of subtype E to attack heterosexual people.

It is rapidly becoming as dangerous to have casual sex in South-East Asia as it is in Africa. In both areas there is an acceptance of prostitution which, combined with the lack of clinics for treating sexually transmitted diseases, produces an ideal situation for spreading HIV.

In Britain we have the best clinics in the world and few women are left with chronic ulcers and sores after childbirth, the discharges from which are as good a medium as blood for HIV to flourish in.

In Asia, as in Africa, widespread migration spreads HIV. But the African migration is determined largely by economic necessity, whereas in Asia much of it is related to the holiday trade. Encouragingly, HIV among young men in Thailand is falling as a result of greater use of condoms, better sexual disease clinics and less use of prostitutes.

The Public Health Laboratory Service monitors HIV subtypes in England and Wales and would notice if there were an increase in one subtype which could be related to a change in the pattern of the epidemiology of the disease.

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# Agency accused of treating health foods as medicine

By Robin Young

SARDINES contain so much vitamin B12 that they should be available only on prescription, it was claimed yesterday. Maurice Hanssen, director of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, said British regulations concerning health foods and medicines were full of such anomalies.

Mr Hanssen, author of the best-selling book *E for Additives*, said: "Many other natural products could be reclassified as medicines if the Medicines Control Agency continues as it has since last December. They are so arbitrary they should be called the Medicines Out-of-Control Agency. They are seizing health supplements, vitamins and minerals and ordering them off the market in flat contradiction of stated government guidelines."

The agency, in recent moves that health food manufacturers regard as "aggressive", has banned products containing melatonin, marketed as a relief for jet lag, and questioned the status of Kira, a product based on St John's wort claimed to be a mild antidepressant. It also obliged the makers of Waterfall, a health product designed to help to maintain water balance through the menstrual cycle, to obtain a medicine licence.

The agency was established as an executive agency of the Department of Health in 1991 and became a commercial enterprise in 1993. Its main purpose is to safeguard public health with regard to medicines, for which it issues licences. Mr Hanssen said it claimed to be implementing European legislation which declared that anything which prevents, treats or cures disease should be regarded as a medicine.

Vitamin-packed sardines

"An ordinary can of sardines contains 28 times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin B12. A health product with so much vitamin would be likely to be banned in many European countries unless it was registered as a medicine. We are in danger of being told here that sardines should only be eaten under medical supervision."

Mr Hanssen added that pork liver contains 60 times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin A; a litre of orange juice 6½ times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C; a kipper eight times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin D; and brown rice up to nine times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin B1.

Herbal remedies such as camomile or feverfew could only be sold without the information about the conditions they were good for. "It is a ridiculous denial of information to consumers."

Anthony Bush, chairman of the Health Food Manufacturers Association, said: "The British Government should be helping this sector promote health. Instead, their agency is treating health products as if they were medicines."

Mr Hanssen added that there was a danger that restrictive practices in some EU member states would mean upper limits being introduced for content of vitamins and minerals here. Greece, for example, had recently banned products containing more than the recommended daily allowance of any vitamin or mineral.

Maxwell Noble of Britannia Health Products added that cosmetics were also affected. He cited the case of a lip salve called VyrBrit, based on an extract of melissa (lemon balm) that could help to prevent cold sores. He said the agency initially accepted the salve as a cosmetic, but after the product's launch revoked its decision and said it must be registered as a medicine. "The whole business needs sorting out," he said.

Damon Hill, the British Formula One racing driver, relaxing at the Antibes Marineland aquatic park yesterday before his next race, in the Hungarian Grand Prix at Budapest on Sunday

# Lamb and Botham consider appeal

By Joanna Bale

THE cricketers Ian Botham and Allan Lamb are "seriously considering" an appeal against their humiliating libel case defeat, their solicitor said yesterday.

"The verdict came as a great shock to them," Alan Herd of Swepstone Walsh in central London said. "They want to spend the weekend getting over it but they are seriously considering an appeal. I expect to know for sure by the beginning of next week."

The appeal must be lodged within 28 days of the verdict, which caused surprise in legal circles when it was delivered at the High Court on Wednesday. Mr Herd said that although it was a serious blow, the two men would "not find it a major problem" paying an estimated £400,000 costs for the 13-day case which they lost to the former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan. Because he made another allegation of libel distinct from his joint action with Lamb, Botham must pay two thirds of the bill — about £260,000.

# Pet snakes may rival man's best friend

By Russell Jenkins and Diana Thorp

A PET boa constrictor can be good for your health and help you to live longer, according to a new study.

In a domestic setting, animal behaviourists have found that they can have the same soothing effect as a pet dog, slowing the owner's heart rate when he watches or strokes the snake.

Derek Grove, a curator at Dudley Zoo and breeder of rainbow boa constrictors, said that he enjoyed stroking the snakes he keeps in a cage in his bedroom. "I stroke them but don't let them out. They can calm you down and make very good pets."

Mr Grove, 33, who keeps other rainbow boas in cages in a garden shed, said snakes were less messy than a cat or dog and, after the cost of a cage and thermostat, were also cheaper to keep. He sells the offspring for £50 to £200.

"I feed them frozen rodents such as rats or mice, which I thaw out. A rat costs 35p and, depending on the size of the snake, many need to be fed only one a week," he said.

Dogs and cats are known to have a beneficial effect on people with heart problems and are often recommended for patients recuperating from heart surgery. Timothy Eddy, of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, studied the effect of more exotic pets. In one experiment, published for a pet therapy conference at Cambridge University, he measured the cardiac responses of a herpetologist to his 10-year-old boa constrictor.

Heart rate and blood pressure relaxed significantly when he was near the snake. Mr Eddy concluded that a wider range of animals should be considered as pets.

Derek Grove: soothing

St John's wort

# Hedgerow herb 'beats pills for depression'

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

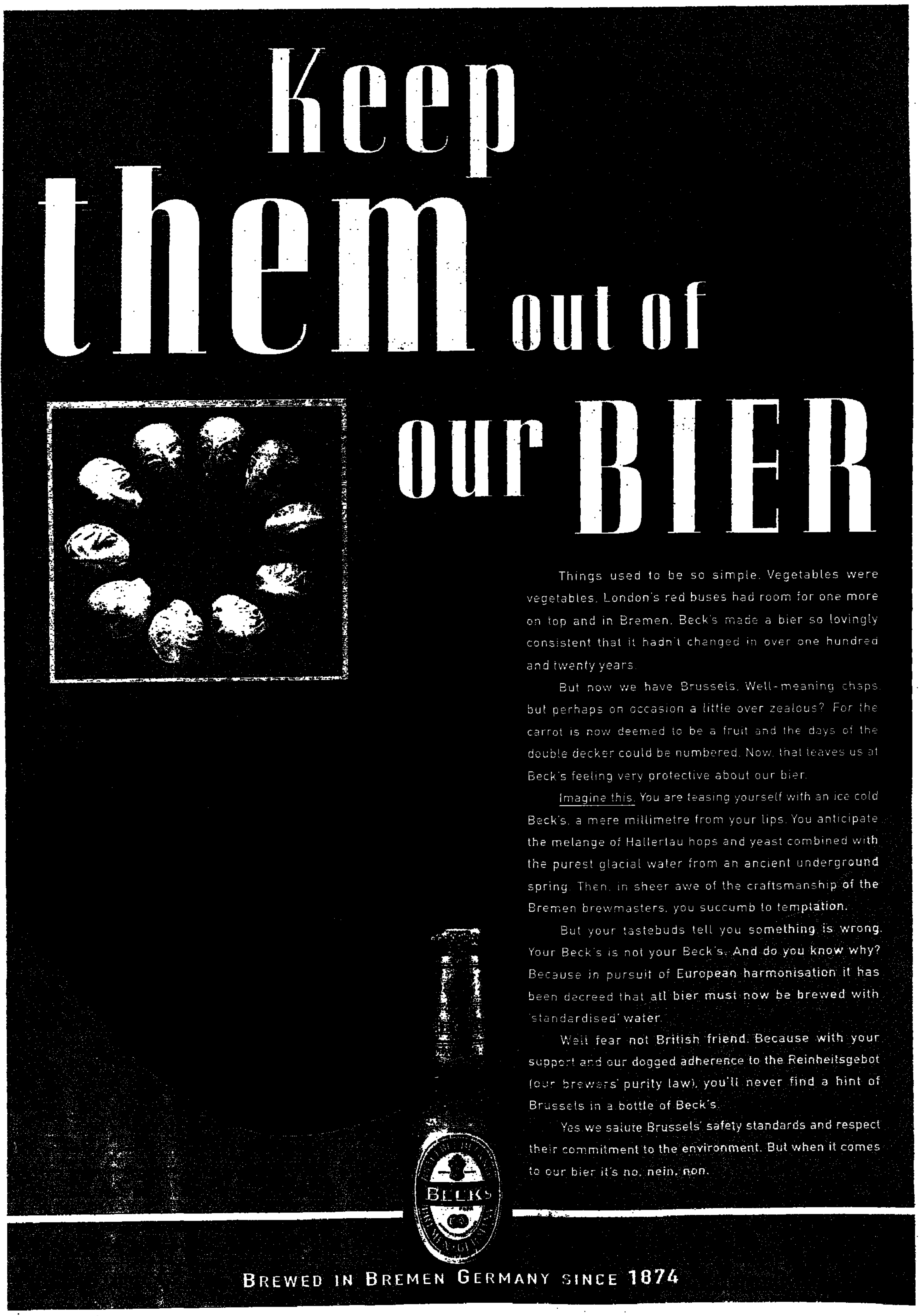
THE herb St John's wort is better than pills for banishing depression, according to German and American doctors. They say the wild relation of gardeners' hypericum is just as effective as drugs and has fewer side effects.

Used for years in Germany as a folk medicine, *Hypericum perforatum* is virtually unknown to doctors in English-speaking countries. The 2ft plant with five-petalled yellow flowers grows in hedgebanks, woods and rough grassland.

In Germany, the seven leading preparations using extracts from St John's wort account for 2.7 million prescriptions a year worth £26 million. Dr Klaus Linde of Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, led colleagues and doctors from the Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, in examining the results of trials of the plant. They report in the *British Medical Journal* that it equalled the effect of standard antidepressants in treating mild to moderately severe depressive illness. The side-effects of the herbal remedy were lower.

But the doctors add that the trials were too small to be statistically certain. They call for further tests comparing St John's wort directly with antidepressants.

In an editorial in the journal, two Dutch doctors say that to be accepted as a treament for major depression, the herb would have to meet the same rigorous demands laid down for synthetic antidepressants and that the studies cited by Dr Linde and his colleagues do not meet these criteria. But they say that the safety and tolerability of St John's wort argue in its favour and that bigger trials are justified.



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## Birmingham will save space by switching hundreds of staff to teleworking and 'hot-desking'

# Council to cut costs with stay-at-home technology

By Ian Murray
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S largest local authority is to ask hundreds of staff to work from home or share desks in a drive to save £50 million a year.

Birmingham City Council hopes to make the savings by cutting its 750,000 sq ft of office space by 20 per cent this year and 10 per cent next year. If the experiment works, the council will be able to sell 225,000 sq ft of prime office space.

A small number of volunteers will be equipped with a home office including computer, an extra telephone line and answering machine, a fax and a modem to link them to city hall. Each set of equipment will cost about £3,000.

Most of those who normally spend a large part of their working time out of the office will be asked to take part in a "hot-desking" scheme, where they can book times in advance to do necessary office work. This will avoid equipment and space standing idle for long periods.

Four staff in the council's consultancy division already work from home. Steve Trivett, 47, from Evesham in Hereford and Worcester, set up his home office a few weeks ago, ending the need to make the one-hour drive into Birmingham and home again each day. He recommends the change: "You can work at times to suit yourself."

Birmingham is the largest employer to use teleworking, although other local authorities, banks, building societies and computer firms have been issuing workers with stay-at-home technology. The council expects that within the next 18 months about 7,000 of its 39,000 staff will no longer be using normal office space. At most a few hundred will be equipped to work from home. The majority will be supplied with high-tech equipment such as electronic notepads with modems.

Mary Mallet, the council's personnel director, said: "We are also looking at ways of storing documents by image processing so that we do not need all the space currently used for records. The idea is to free the money locked up in bricks so that it can be used to provide services for the people. The idea of people stuck at home chained to a word processor in the bedroom is quite wrong. We want a highly mobile staff, well-equipped to work out of the office and not stuck at home."

According to Alan Deighton, executive director of the Teleworker Centre Association, the system increases productivity, decreases staff turnover and is the perfect antidote to commuting difficulties. "The average Londoner spends 57 minutes travelling each way to work, the equivalent of nearly 1½ working days in a five-day week," he said. "That is wasted time."

He said the system was particularly good for services where employees had to pay site visits or see customers in their own homes or offices. "Staff do not have to waste time going back to their own office to write up reports, but can download from their own home or from a local satellite telecentre. It saves time and helps the environment by not clogging up the roads."

However, he said that the idea does not work if it is introduced just to save money. "There should be no coercion and there have to be regular staff meetings so they can keep in touch with what is happening. They must not be allowed to think that if they are out of sight they are out of mind."

Mark Copes, project manager for a pilot scheme being introduced by Surrey County Council next month, said the system had the long-term potential to change service delivery in local government. "Budgets are getting tighter and demand is increasing so we have got to find new ways of improving services," he said.

Surrey has spent £150,000 on the pilot project, equipping an office in Epsom with desks, computers and support staff to help employees to send work down the line to county hall. The centre will be available for use by some staff living in the area so they do not have to travel up to an hour to work.

☐ Forty Hertfordshire County Council trading standards inspectors have been using laptop computers to compile reports in their home for a year. The department now needs only one floor of an office block instead of two entire buildings for its records and staff. The council is also about to open a network of satellite computer offices where staff can use equipment linked to county hall.

# Tourists opt for England's green and pleasant land

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

HOLIDAYMAKERS are spurning the heat, sea and sand of the Mediterranean, and the Caribbean, to stay in England. The tourism industry is booming, and last year 53 million British holidaymakers spent £7 billion enjoying themselves in England.

Domestic tourism trips rose by 10 per cent last year and domestic holiday spending rose 3 per cent. The most popular destination was the West Country. The number of British visitors to London rose by 22 per cent; the number who went to Northumberland by 25 per cent. Tourism officials put the increase down to last year's summer of sunshine and to improved facilities for tourists in England.

"England is well placed to capture holidaymakers tired of airport delays, standardised facilities and excessive heat, who prefer instead 'greener', more active and rewarding holidays," the chief executive of the English Tourist Board, Tim Bartlett, said yesterday.

However, £3.7 billion more a year is still spent on foreign rather than domestic holidays, and tourism chiefs are determined to make it easier to book an English holiday.

Among the proposals being considered is for local retailers to fund high-technology equipment in tourist information centres and for travel agents to spend more time selling domestic packages to holidaymakers. The board's chairman, David Quarmby, said: "I am aware how frustrating it can be when you cannot find what you want, or do not know even where to start looking. My personal view is that the information revolution has so far passed the tourist industry by. There is a massive opportunity to develop information infrastructure and to make available new services on travel, attractions, accommodation and eating out."

Mr Quarmby, presenting the tourist board's annual report in London, said that it could not pay for the introduction of the high-technology equipment but was looking at whether travel agents and local businesses might do so.

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HOLIDAY SPENDING

| Destination | trips (m) | % rise | spend (£m) |
|---|---|---|---|
| West Country | 15.8 | 5 | 2,220 |
| Southern | 12.4 | 17 | 1,100 |
| East Anglia | 11 | 8 | 960 |
| London | 10.4 | 21 | 880 |
| Yorks and Humber | 10.2 | 10 | 850 |
| Heart of England | 9.6 | -3 | 715 |
| North West | 9.6 | 12 | 1,060 |
| South East | 8.9 | 13 | 725 |
| East Midlands | 8 | 5 | 710 |
| Northumbria | 3.8 | 23 | 370 |
| Cumbria | 3.3 | 14 | 410 |

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The hotel's tariff card on its opening in 1896, when a seawater bedroom bath cost a shilling and there was no charge for afternoon tea

# Hotel celebrates 100 years of family service

By Robin Young

AN HOTEL that yesterday celebrated 100 years of service to visitors to East Sussex is thought to be unique in Britain in having been owned and managed by one family.

The York House Hotel in Eastbourne has had to mark its centenary alone after advertising to find other establishments that could match the claim, but none came forward. It celebrated by treating guests to Victorian charabanc rides along the seafront, and a newscast for 1896, read by the veteran radio presenter Alan Freeman with items gleaned from *The Times* of 100 years ago.

The 90-room hotel, which is listed with two stars in the AA and RAC guides, started as a boarding house opened by Susanna Barratt and her 18-year-old daughter, Sarah, on August 1, 1896. That year they achieved a turnover of £156 and were soon able to buy the leases of neighbouring properties. Mrs Barratt died in 1902 leaving the hotel to Sarah, who in 1904 married Douglas Williamson, from Catford, one of the young Londoners who cycled down for holidays in her hotel. It is their grandson, Matthew Williamson, who owns and runs the hotel today.

By 1917 the hotel's turnover reached £6,576. Only 8 per cent went on wages though all the water for the bedrooms had to be fetched. Visitors could also request fresh sea water to bathe in and have coal fires in their rooms.

In the 1920s the hotel made headlines when some of its residents, protesting at a shortage of changing facilities on Eastbourne beach, braved arrest by trooping across the parade already wearing swimming costumes.

Sarah Williamson died in 1930 by which time she had become chairman of the Eastbourne Hotels' Association. The business was carried on by three of her children. In 1932 fitted basins were installed in some rooms, with coke-fired boilers supplying hot water to the whole hotel. The York House was closed and damaged during the Second World War, but was reopened in 1945 by Sarah's son, Alan. A lift was installed in 1962.

Matthew Williamson, Alan's son, took over as manager in 1972 after training in Britain and Bermuda. His first step was to apply for a residential liquor licence and open a bar. A laundry came in 1975, an electric service lift in 1977, the first private bathrooms in 1978, and a heated indoor swimming pool in 1983.

A direct-dial telephone system to all bedrooms was introduced in 1991, and the final corridor links between the individual houses that make up the hotel were completed in 1994. The hotel's celebrations this week end with a seafront party on Sunday.

Mr Williamson said: "We are very proud and pleased at what appears to be a unique family history in hotel management. Our prices over the years also show that we have survived what I calculate to have been 2,200 per cent inflation."

PRICES 1896-1996

*Cost per person for dinner, bed and breakfast at the York House Hotel*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1896 | £1 8s | (£1.40) |
| 1906 | £2 12s 6d | (£2.62) |
| 1916 | £2 12s 6d | (£2.62) |
| 1926 | £3 13s 6d | (£3.67) |
| 1936 | £5 5s | (£5.25) |
| 1946 | £15 15s | (£15.75) |
| 1956 | £11 6d | (£11.2) |
| 1966 | £15 15s | (£15.75) |
| 1976 | £51 | |
| 1986 | £164 | |
| 1996 | £252 | |

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Lorry kills AA man on hard shoulder

**An AA patrolman and a passenger in a stranded car were killed when a lorry crashed into them on a motorway hard shoulder. John Jones, 46, died when the Parcel Line articulated lorry veered off the northbound M40 near Gaydon, Warwickshire, on Wednesday night, hitting his AA van and the car on which he was working. The second victim was Zhafa Ali Khan, 40, of Dudley, West Midlands. The car driver, Tariq Hamayum, 19, is seriously ill with broken ribs and legs and neck injuries. Anthony Young, 59, the lorry driver, of Reading, suffered shock.**

## Bound over

**Ray Kennedy, 45, the former England, Arsenal and Liverpool football player who has Parkinson's disease, was bound over by magistrates in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, to keep the peace after a disturbance at the home of his former girlfriend, Audrey Broomfield, 34.**

## Cyanide deaths

**An Asian family of five found dead in May were killed by injections of potassium cyanide, Southampton coroner's office said. Tests have shown that Mahendra Karia, 42, his wife Mayuri, 39, and their daughters would have died quickly and painlessly. An inquest will open on Tuesday.**

## Granny banned

**A 76-year-old grandmother who stuck her tongue out at teenagers trying to stop her turning the wrong way down a dual carriageway was banned for a year. Ruby Thomsett, of Boughton Monchelsea, Kent, hit another car but drove on. She denied dangerous driving.**

## Row brewing

**A Welsh brewery has named a beer after the former commander of the Free Wales Army, Julian Cayo Evans. Thomas Watkin and Sons of Llandeilo, Dyfed, said Evans would be a folk hero in years to come. Richard Lewis, a councillor, accused the brewery of honouring a terrorist.**

## Boiler charges

**The landlord of a bedsitter in Durham where Anne Brennan, 19, died from carbon monoxide poisoning from a boiler, is to be prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive. Graham Williams and the engineer who fitted the boiler, Edgar Reed Maddison, face five charges.**

## Caught out

**A cricket club treasurer who conned a travel agent out of almost £18,000 to try to cover up his own dishonesty has been jailed for 18 months by Maidstone Crown Court. Andrew Cooper, 35, of Guston, Kent, stole from club funds that he was holding for a planned tour of Barbados.**

## P-reg tragedy

**A retired doctor was killed when his new P-registered car crashed into a lampost hours after he had collected it from a garage at Dudley, West Midlands, on the first day of the new registration. The £22,000 Saab 9000CD of Dr John Donaldson, 80, had 23 miles on the clock.**

## Degree honoured

**A woman who was strangled five months before the end of her degree course at Hope University College, Liverpool, has graduated posthumously. Hilda Farrell accepted the degree on behalf of her daughter, Lesley Pilling, 36. A man has been charged with murder.**

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# Treasure experts bury hope of fortune

TWO treasure hunters and a farmer who believed they were worth a million pounds after finding Celtic and Roman coins and jewellery have been told the haul is worth £103,000.

Peter Beasley and Peter Murphy of Waterlooville, Hampshire, used metal detectors to unearth the haul on farmland near Petersfield in March. They agreed to share proceeds equally with the landowner, John Dalton.

The 256 coins helped historians to identify a Celtic king, Tincomarus, who ruled about 50 BC, and shed light on trade between the Romans and tribes in the south of England.

A panel of experts appointed by the Department of National Heritage decided that the hoard's solid gold Roman bracelet was worth £1,650, a gold ring £2,350 and the coins £99,074.

Mr Beasley, 56, a bricklayer, said: "Letters from the British Museum have continually emphasised the historical value of the find. It seems to me that the committee has completely ignored this in valuing the coins and the jewellery." He and Mr Murphy had hoped the coins alone would be worth £900,000.

The committee took into account three independent valuations and the museum's estimate. Sotheby's said: "Huge numbers of coins are recovered. The laws of supply and demand dictate that the price will inevitably fall." The museum hopes to raise money to buy the hoard.

☐ A guide to Roman Britain starts in *The Times* tomorrow.

One of the young

# Seahorses to colonise coastline

By Shirley English

**YOUNG spiny seahorses are being dispatched to 16 sites this week in preparation for an attempt to re-establish them around the coast.**

**The young, 3cm long, were among the first to be bred in captivity in Britain. Seahorses were thought to have died out around the coast, but last summer fishermen off Weymouth found seven in their nets. They bred in June at the resort's Sea Life Centre and some of the offspring are being sent to other centres ready for release next year.**

**Mark Oakley, of Sea Life Centres, said divers had been asked to search for more wild colonies. "They will be the ideal places to release our seahorses."**

# Weather in July lives up to tradition

By Diana Thorp

BRITAIN was occasionally hotter than the Mediterranean, three women were struck by lightning at a Buckingham Palace garden party and Wimbledon was drenched with rain as the country enjoyed "a typical summer's month" in July.

July 1996 was slightly warmer, sunnier and drier than average. But a spokesman from the Meteorological Office said: "It was no record breaker."

The hottest day of the year so far was July 22 when it soared to 33C in Jersey, compared to last year's high of 35.2C recorded in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire, on August 1.

The average central England temperature was 16.5C, only slightly warmer than the 30-year average of 16.1C and lower than the average last July of 18.6C.

But with an average of 7.37 hours of sunshine each day, July 1996 was not only sunnier than the average 5.96 hours, but also sunnier than 1995 when the country caught only 7.16 hours of sunshine a day in July. It was the 15th sunniest July since records began in 1909.

☐ Just when Shetlanders were thinking their cold summer could not get any worse, it snowed yesterday. Meteorologists described it as "soft hail", but Ian Anderson, a Lerwick radio presenter who saw it through his studio window at 6am, said: "It seemed like snow to me."

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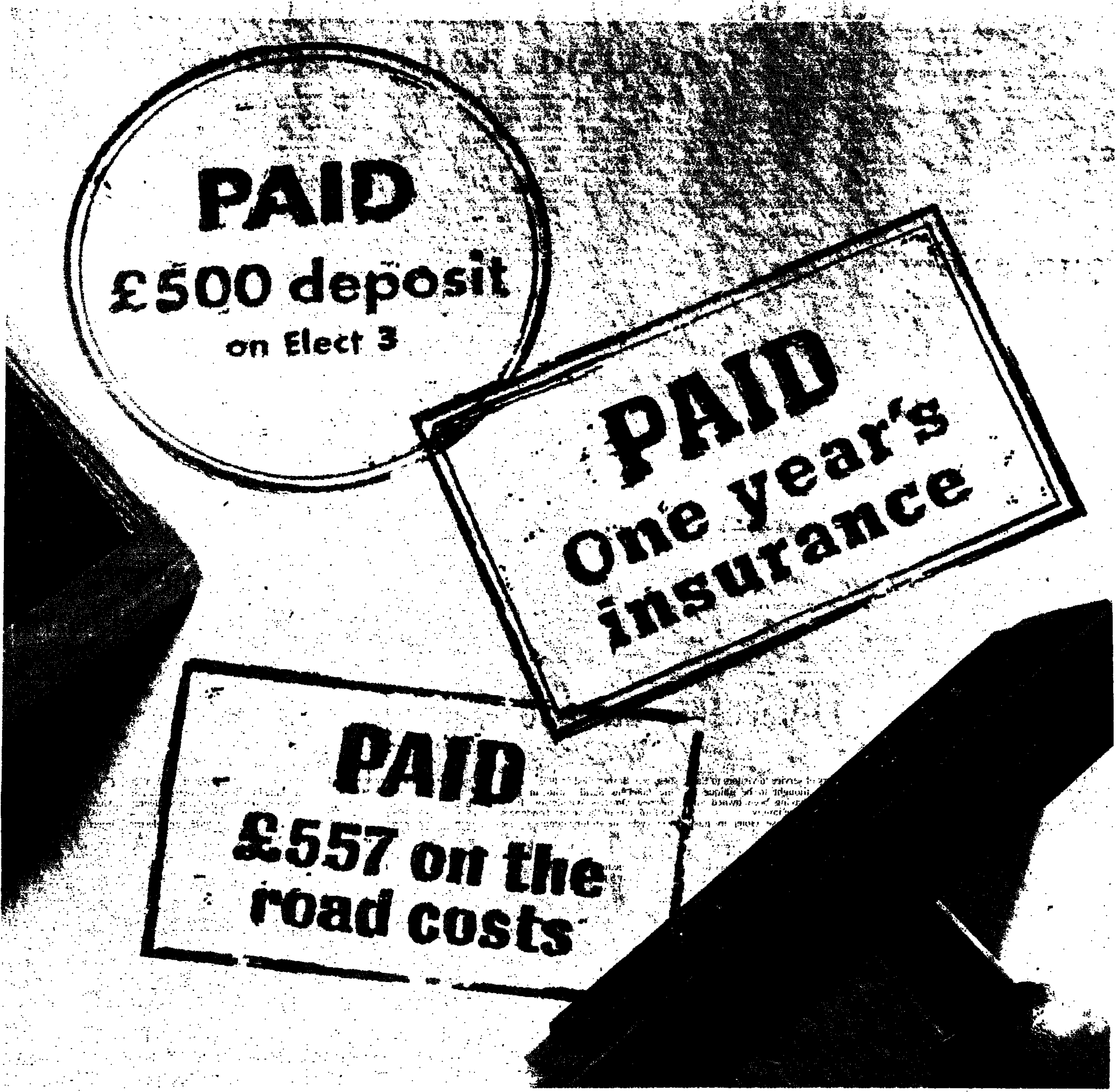

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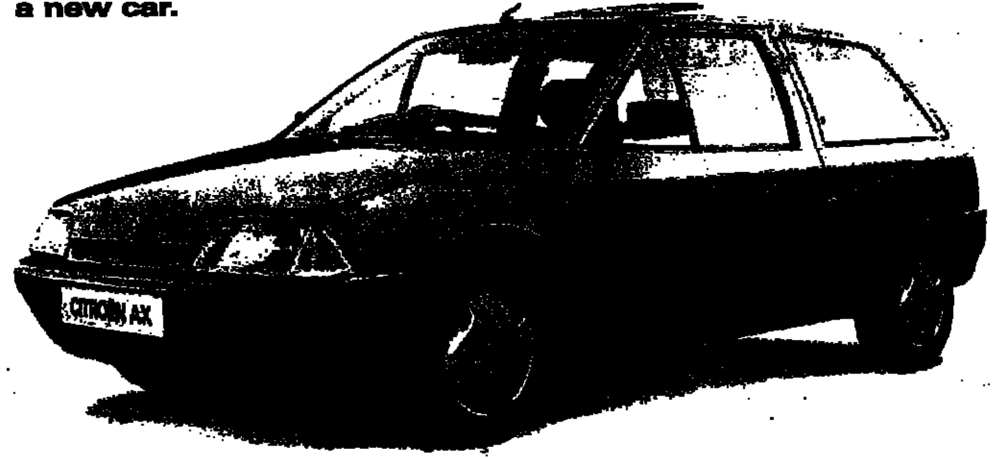

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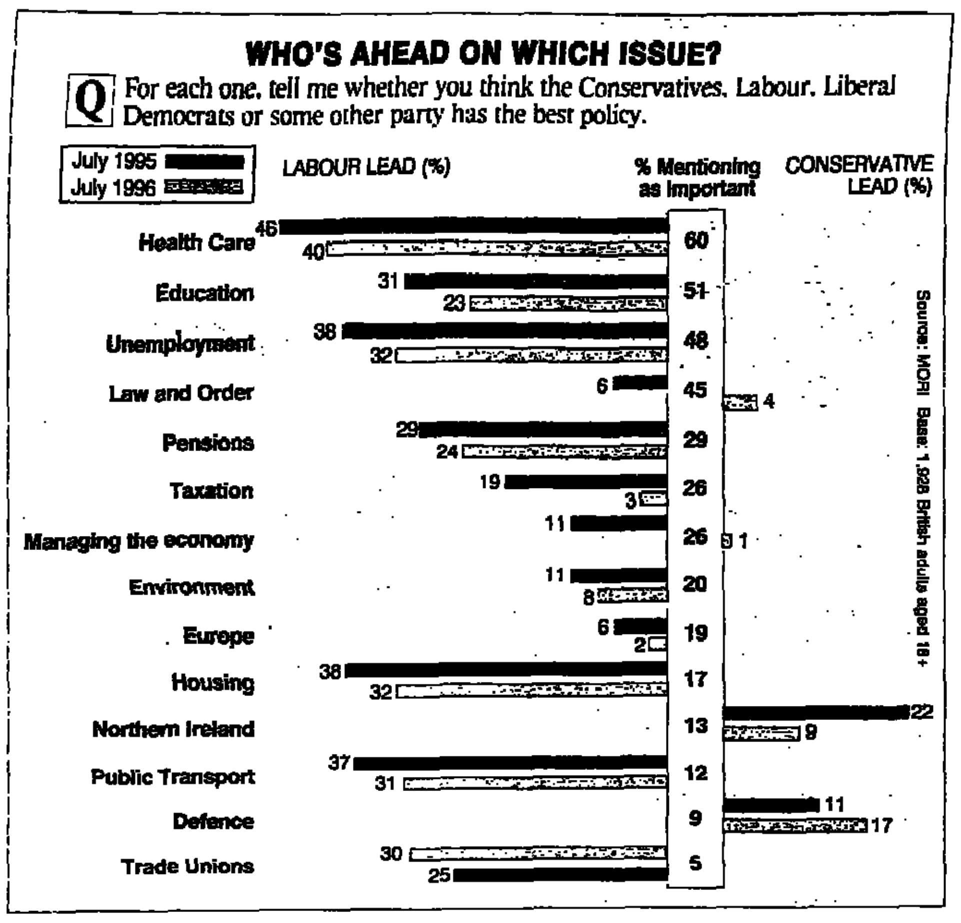


WHO'S AHEAD ON WHICH ISSUE?

Q For each one, tell me whether you think the Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats or some other party has the best policy.

Source: MORI Base: 1,928 British adults aged 18+

## Labour retains clear lead, MORI poll shows

# Tories regain lost ground on crime and the economy

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE Tories have recovered to move ahead of Labour as the party having the best policies on law and order and managing the economy, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*. Labour, however, still has a clear lead on eight of the top ten issues (and ten of the top 14) that people believe will be very important to them in voting at the general election.

In order of importance, Labour is rated as best on healthcare, education, unemployment, pensions, taxation, the environment, Europe, housing, public transport and trade unions. The Tories now lead on law and order (ranked fourth), managing the economy (sixth), Northern Ireland (eleventh), and defence (thirteenth).

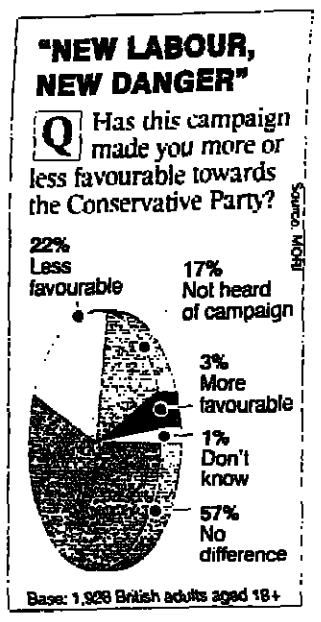
Labour had been ahead on managing the economy since the last general election and ahead on law and order since May 1994, reversing long periods of traditional Tory dominance on these issues. The Tories have improved their position on all 14 of the issues except Northern Ireland where the party has probably suffered from the handling of the Orange Order marches last month.

The biggest improvements for the Tories over the past year have occurred in taxation, managing the economy and law and order. This ties in with the gradual improvement in economic optimism. Tory strategists will be pleased that above-average shifts have occurred on these issues among the very group they are appealing to now — those who have switched away from the party since the 1992 election. Nonetheless, the Tories are still very weak on the main economic issues among this group compared with party loyalists.

Europe has moved only from tenth most important issue to ninth. It is regarded as "very important" by 19 per cent of the public compared with 60 per cent for healthcare. Labour supporters seem to be firmer in their confidence in their party's policies than do Tory supporters. Whereas Tory loyalists mention their party as having the best policies on an average of 7.4 issues, the score is 8.2 for Labour loyalists and is as much as 6.5 among supporters new to Labour since the 1992 election.

It is also revealing that while readers of *The Daily Telegraph* rate the Tories as best on twice as many policies as Labour, readers of the *Daily Mail* and *The Times* rate the two main parties best on an equal number of isssues.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,928 adults at 149 ward sampling points between July 23 and 28.*



"NEW LABOUR, NEW DANGER"

Q Has this campaign made you more or less favourable towards the Conservative Party?

Source: MORI

Base: 1,928 British adults aged 18+

# 'Danger' ads fail

THE Tories' "New Labour, New Danger" advertising campaign, with its dramatic black-and-red posters showing sinister eyes looking out from behind a curtain, has so far backfired, according to the MORI poll (Peter Riddell writes).

A mere 4 per cent say the campaign has made them less favourable towards Labour, while 11 per cent say it has made them more favourable. The £5 million campaign might have damaged the Tories: 22 per cent say it has made them less favourable towards the party, with a mere 3 per cent claiming it had made them more favourable.

The posters have even failed to affect the Tories' main target group of switch voters: 22 per cent of new supporters of Labour say it has made them more favourable to Labour.

# Hostility to Major abates, but it may be too late to save his party

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE Tories are beginning to claw back some ground in the opinion polls, but their recovery is still slow and patchy. The positive news for the party is that, leaving aside monthly fluctuations, its underlying rating is improving slowly. Optimism about the economy is rising and the public are becoming less hostile to the Government and to John Major personally over their performance in office.

The MORI economic optimism index, which gauges how many think that the general economic condition will improve against those who think it will get worse, now stands at minus nine points. The average index for April to July is half the deficit of the previous four months.

Moreover, the Tories have made some headway in winning back support on key issues such as the economy, taxation, and law and order; particularly among those who have deserted the party since 1992. If consumer confidence and spending continue to grow, there could be further benefits for the Tories.

Mr Major himself also retains a personal appeal, among some Liberal Democrats and new Labour supporters.

Nonetheless, Labour remains in a commanding position — in sustaining its overall lead and on most of the key issues that worry voters, such as healthcare, education and unemployment.

The Tory recovery, such as it is, is smaller and later than Labour strategists feared. And there is evidence that new Labour supporters are affirming their commitment to the party.

There are a few reasons for Labour to reflect. The party has not fully got rid of its "tax and spend" image, nor really convinced people about how it could make a positive difference in office, despite the luanch of its mini-manifesto.

Mr Blair remains the party's main asset, so Labour strategists are puzzling over the sharp fall last month in his personal approval rating (those satisfied minus those dissatisfied with his performance) to the lowest level of his two-year leadership. This may be explained in part by the publicity over the Shadow Cabinet elections and the "demotion" of Clare Short. Mr Blair's advisers believe that assertions of strong leadership by him have helped the party, but on this occasion that may have been offset by the impression of divisions.

It could be a temporary decline, but the other parties believe that Labour is vulnerable to charges of being arrogant and taking voters for granted. It is striking that the decline in Mr Blair's personal rating was far larger among supporters of Labour since 1992 (from plus 61 to plus 41 points) than among long-term Labour loyalists (from plus 58 to plus 47).

These shifts are small compared with the seismic change in attitudes triggered by Black Wednesday, the battles over the Maastricht treaty and the tax rises of the first half of the Parliament. The Tories now have an unprecedented 53 point gap to close: before those troubles the gap was 29 points.

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# Home Office hits back at claim by firearms lobby

BY RICHARD FORD AND ALICE THOMSON

THE Home Office last night rejected the gun lobby's attempt to undermine the argument linking the availability of firearms to violent crime.

Officials published a strong defence of the Home Office's evidence to Lord Cullen's inquiry into the Dunblane massacre, emphasising strong links between the ownership of guns and gun-related homicide. The paper was released after the gun lobby had told the inquiry that the government figures were unreliable.

Yesterday the Home Office said supporters of the gun lobby had failed to challenge evidence indicating a relationship between gun ownership and gun homicide. They also said that the lobby had not undermined evidence that gun ownership increased overall homicide rates.

In an additional submission to Lord Cullen's inquiry, the Home Office emphasises the links between gun ownership and the incidence of violent crime. It had been asked to produce the document after the gun lobby claimed it had submitted evidence which "destroyed" research findings linking gun ownership with high levels of gun homicide. The Home Office document also said that it was significant "that no serious challenge was made of the similar correlation between gun ownership and gun-related suicides, or of the fact that extremely marked differences in gun-related crime in the US compared to England and Wales are not echoed in offences in which guns are not involved".

The Home Office emphasised that the document did not constitute government policy, and did not prejudge the response the Government would eventually make to the Cullen report. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has indicated that he will bring forward a Bill for new gun controls should Lord Cullen make proposals in his report that require legislation.

Donald Dewar, Labour's Chief Whip, said yesterday that Labour MPs would vote with the Government if John Major faced down his backbenchers and legislated to ban handguns. Mr Dewar said that the Prime Minister should not wait until Lord Cullen's report is published this autumn but end the confusion over where the Government stood.

He said that the Government would then face a backlash from at least a dozen of its own backbenchers, as well as the six Conservative MPs on the Home Affairs Select Committee who have already stated that they would be opposed to such a Bill.

## Police chief fines careless marksmen

**FIVE police firearms experts whose Smith and Wesson revolvers fell out of a van were each fined £400 by their chief constable yesterday.**

**They were returning to Nottinghamshire police headquarters after a shooting practice last August when a holdall containing the guns tumbled through a side door left open to keep the officers cool.**

**They were picked up by two men in a following car who sold them to a convicted drug dealer. He planned to sell them to criminal contacts but lost his nerve and dumped them in a ditch. Four men were later jailed for plotting to sell the guns.**

# Britain launches fast-reaction force

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A RAPID deployment force to react to a range of crises worldwide was officially launched yesterday. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said that some of the joint Services' force of up to 10,000 troops would be on 24-hour notice and others on five-days' alert.

The core of the Joint Rapid Deployment Force is provided by units of 3 Commando Brigade and 5 Airborne Brigade, with other elements of the Army, RAF and Royal Navy assigned to provide additional combat power, including an aircraft carrier, Tornado squadrons and submarines.

This is the first time that the Ministry of Defence has formed a triservice rapidly deployable force, backed up by a permanent staff. They are preparing for such emergencies as evacuating British citizens from foreign conflicts or acting as the bridgehead in war zones for follow-on troops and armour.

Brigadier Jonathan Thomson, a former commander of the Royal Marines' Special Boat Service, has been appointed the force's first chief. He operates from a new permanent joint headquarters at Northwood that cost £7 million to set up and will cost £16 million a year to run.

Although the force of up to reinforced brigade strength will not be equipped with tanks or heavy artillery, Mr Portillo said that the intention was to provide the framework for a larger and heavier force if required.

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# Iraq loses flag-bearer as weightlifter defects

**From Quentin Letts in Atlanta**

IRAQ'S flag-bearer at the Atlanta Olympics, after dramatically defecting, yesterday described his homeland as a "concentration camp" and accused General Ali Hassan al-Majid, a cousin of President Saddam Hussein, of atrocities.

Raed Ahmed, a member of Iraq's weightlifting squad, eluded his team manager and colleagues at the Olympic village. After breakfast on Wednesday, he left the dining room on the pretext of needing to check something on a computer. Instead, he ran to his room, stuffed some belongings in a bag and fled the athletes' village.

Yesterday, accompanied by a lawyer and an interpreter, he was interviewed by immigration officials after requesting asylum. He will be given an answer in a few days.

Mr Ahmed, 29, has a wife in Basra, the southern Iraq city. He was confident that she was safe after her removal to an undisclosed address by opponents of Saddam. However, other members of his family are still in Basra, and he said that he was "frightened" about their future.

"I love my country," said Mr Ahmed at a news conference. He said he was still proud that he had carried the Iraqi flag at the opening ceremony of the Games. "I just don't like the regime," he said.

Looking composed, he said his defection was a statement against the oppression of Saddam. Before coming to Atlanta with the five-strong Iraqi delegation he was ordered not to discuss his country's politics with journalists or to mention the name of Saddam. He said he had trained for the Olympics to have the opportunity to defect "but also to win medals".

He added: "When carrying my country's flag I was thinking that I would like to see the flag represent my people, not Saddam Hussein and his war against the United States. The situation in Iraq now is terrible. There is a lack of food and drinking water."

He claimed that during the Gulf War he saw Iraqi officials planting explosives in towns in order to falsify US bombing of civilian targets.

He claimed also to have seen General al-Majid, the Governor of Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation, killing people after an unsuccessful assassination attempt. In March 1991, he said, "I witnessed al-Majid putting people up against a wall and executing them. I imagine that if he hears I have said this he will hurt my family."

Mr Ahmed said that President Clinton helped to inspire his decision to defect. At the opening ceremony of the Games, he said, "we were told by Iraqi officials to turn our heads away from Mr Clinton. We were told that he wanted to destroy Iraq. Everybody else in our group looked away from President Clinton. They were not men. But I turned my head and looked at him and I could not believe my eyes. He was standing and applauding for us. I know that, if the Games were in Iraq, Saddam would not clap for the US."

Mr Ahmed's defection was co-ordinated by the London-based Iraqi National Congress, a dissident group which hopes to overthrow Saddam. Mr Ahmed said that he had been thinking about defecting for some time. He had received "bad medical care" in Iraq for his sporting injuries and was struck by the amiability of Western weightlifters and coaches at the Games.

He is the first non-Cuban athlete to defect at the Atlanta Games.

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Raed Ahmed carrying the Iraqi flag into the Olympic stadium

# Taipei farmer presses claim to Games song

**From Associated Press in Taipei**

A TAIWANESE tribesman was delighted to learn that his singing was used to promote the Olympics. Now he just wants to get paid for it.

Kuo Ying-nan, 76, and his wife, Hsiu-chu, sang the soaring harmonies in Enigma's *Return to Innocence*, which was used in advertising the Atlanta Games. Mr Kuo, who said he had not been paid for the song, said: "We saw the advertisement on television and were really happy, but then I was sad when I realised I hadn't got any credit and nobody knew that it was a Taiwanese person singing."

Mr Kuo, a farmer, said he only learnt of Enigma's song when a friend heard it on the radio and recognised his voice. With the help of a record company that is producing some of their songs, the Kuos are pressing the parties involved to prove that they obtained the couple's permission to use the song — which they say they never gave — or pay damages.

The Kuos, who are members of the Amis tribe and speak only Amis dialect, were recorded in 1988 singing a tribal hymn, *Baleba*, during a tour of Europe. France's Maison des Cultures du Monde, which co-sponsored the tour, sold the rights to Michael Cretu, a Romanian-German producer who records as Enigma.

☐ **Atlanta:** Two table tennis spectators were arrested for fighting after police tried to remove one of them for waving a banned Taiwan flag. Flags, other than those of competing countries, are prohibited from the stands and, to placate China, Taiwan participates under a special banner. *(AP)*

# Detectives search rural cabin of Atlanta suspect

**From Reuter in Atlanta**

INVESTIGATORS yesterday sifted through material seized from the flat and rural cabin of an Olympic security guard, but the FBI said no charges were imminent over the Centennial Park bombing.

Louis Freeh, the FBI director, told a congressional hearing in Washington: "Nobody is about to be charged with a crime." He added that investigators had "a number of good leads and a number of suspects they are looking at". An FBI spokesman in Atlanta said that Richard Jewell, the security guard earlier hailed as a hero in Saturday's blast, was still considered a suspect.

Mr Freeh said the FBI had found no evidence of an international terrorist or "sophisticated" group threatening the Olympics. This confirmed speculation that the crude pipe bomb attack could have been carried out by an individual or a domestic extremist militia organisation.

Federal agents and forensic teams scoured Jewell's Atlanta flat all day on Wednesday. They also searched a cabin in northeast Georgia where Mr Jewell lived until last May.

Mr Jewell remained inside his flat yesterday with a large number of journalists and cameramen and a police squad car outside. Police said the journalists would be moved away because of complaints from residents.

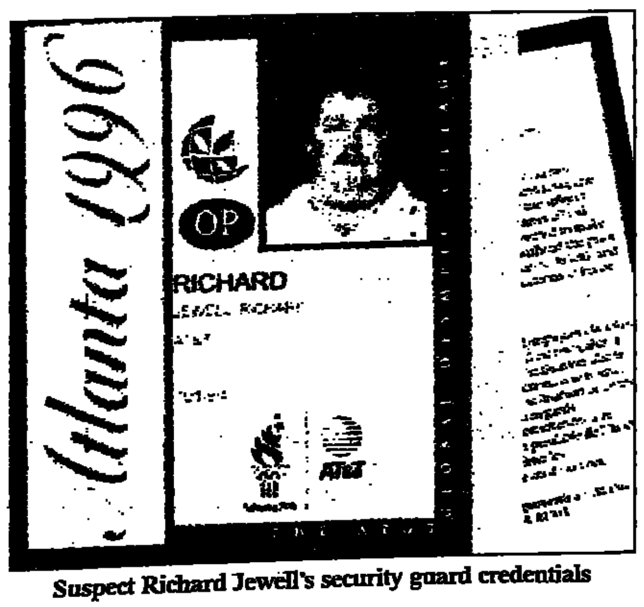
Watson Bryant, Mr Jewell's lawyer, strongly criticised the conduct of the FBI investigation. "It is unforgiveable ... it shouldn't be done under these circumstances ... what we do object to is some skunk in the Government leaking it to the media," Mr Bryant said.

He said Mr Jewell was going through hell and added: "He is holding up as well as can be expected."

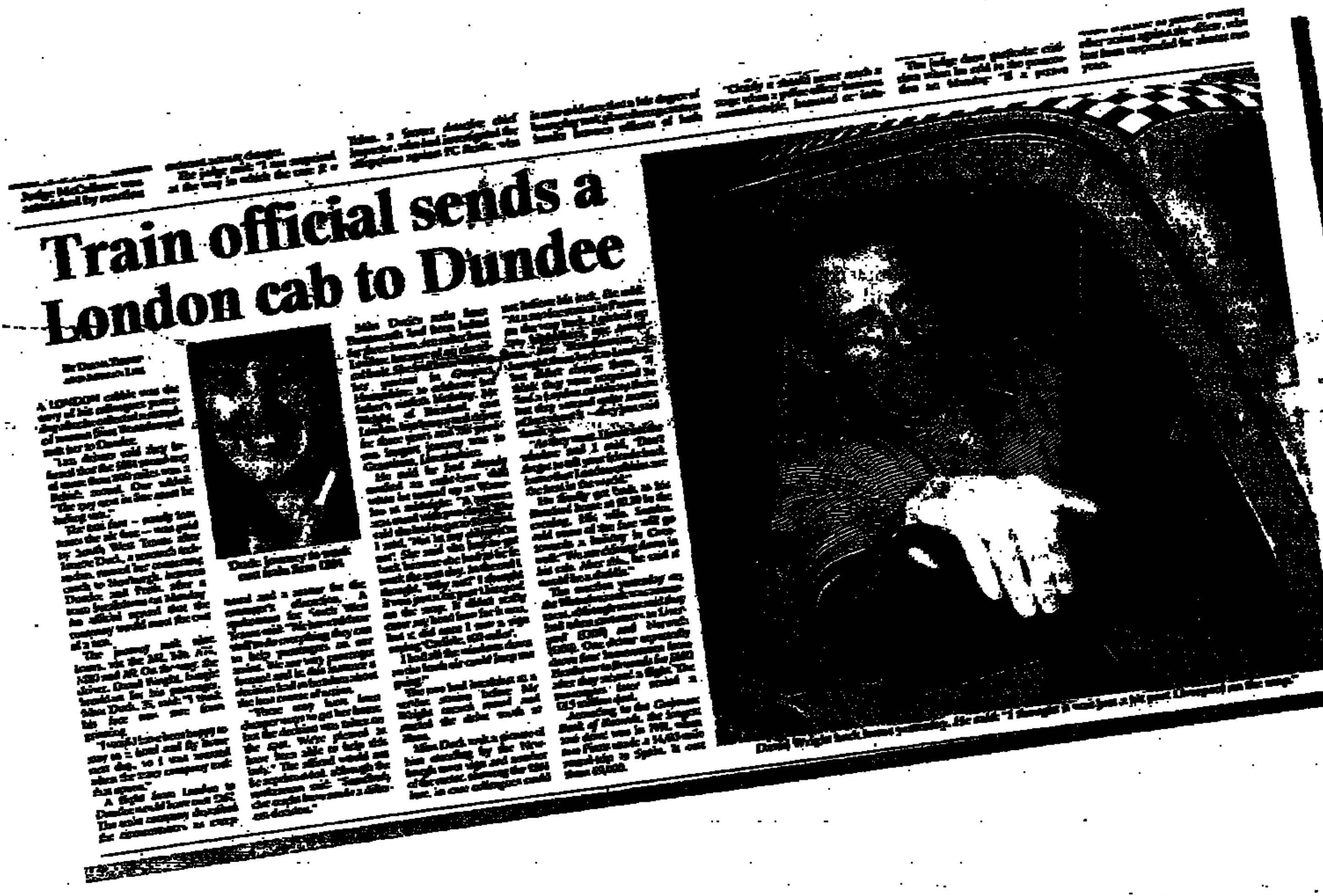
Federal agents took several boxes of material away from the flat that Mr Jewell shares with his mother in a working-class suburb. They also inspected the area with a bomb sniffing dog and for a while evacuated local residents. A spokeswoman said the material was being examined yesterday with some sent to an FBI laboratory in Washington.

Mr Jewell, who says he is innocent, was widely interviewed by television stations and newspapers after the blast in which two people died and 110 were injured. He alerted police to a knapsack containing the bomb but it exploded, spraying nails and screws, while they were trying to evacuate the packed rock-concert crowd.

☐ **Albany, Georgia:** Police said that Walton Burdon, who was on parole, has been charged with breaking into the house of Alice Hawthorne, who was killed by the Olympic bomb, when her husband was making funeral arrangements. *(Reuter)*



Suspect Richard Jewell's security guard credentials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# Sweeping benefit reforms bring fears of hardship for America's neediest and youngest citizens

## Redwood cheers as US rolls back 60 years of welfare

FROM TOM RHODES AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

JOHN REDWOOD last night endorsed an American welfare reform Bill that reverses the New Deal philosophy of Franklin Roosevelt and eliminates more than six decades of guaranteed federal government assistance to millions in the United States.

One of the strongest proponents of welfare reform in Britain, Mr Redwood said in Washington that Whitehall was proceeding along a different path but that the goals were similar in both countries.

"I congratulate your Republican Congress and your President on the welfare Bill," said Mr Redwood. "Welfare is one of those problems that affects all the great industrialised nations of the world. We have outgrown the welfare of the immediate postwar period and it is right that administrators and politicians are changing their welfare system for the 21st century."

Mr Redwood, who resigned from the Cabinet last year to challenge John Major for the party leadership, is aiming to enhance his reputation as a Tory leader-in-waiting during his visit to the United States. His proposals for welfare reform would not follow the present American example of cutting entitlements, he said, but would concentrate on future incentives to ensure pensions for the retired workforce and to encourage greater family responsibility in raising children.

Nevertheless, there is little question that the American model will resonate in Britain, just as Roosevelt's New Deal became an inspiration for the British welfare state.

It is now more than 60 years since Roosevelt rescued America from its era of deepest gloom, whose haunting images of dole queues and soup kitchens were forever captured in *Buddy, Can You Spare A Dime?* — the song which became a symbol of the Depression.

That guarantee of "some measure of protection to the average citizen", that poor children and their families would be entitled to benefits, grew into a welfare debacle that now embraces 12 million people, massive fraud and a catalogue of malfeasance.

In a fundamental shift in philosophy, the American welfare gravy train was brought to an effective terminus this week with the new Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act that President Clinton has agreed to sign. The Bill ends the 61-year-old federal guarantee of assistance for poor children, passing the responsibility to the states which will receive grants to operate their own welfare programmes. There will be a five-year lifetime limit on welfare benefits, recipients will have to go on workfare, food stamps will be cut and legal immigrants barred from most benefits. The Bill will reduce projected spending by $55 billion (£35.4 billion) over six years.

The ideas of the New Deal gave the federal government a role in the lives of every American individual as never before. It provided jobs, welfare and a control on the economy. In the 1960s, Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" legislation crafted an even stronger safety net with the introduction of Medicare.

It was not until Ronald Reagan ran for the White House that the notion of curbing government largesse was raised. He claimed that "welfare queens" were arriving to collect benefit cheques in limousines and fur coats. These characters were never actually seen.

In 1992, Bill Clinton made perhaps his most popular campaign promise to "end welfare as we know it". For three years he has struggled to achieve that goal without either destroying his ideological base or creating a schism between moderates and liberals in the Democratic Party.

Republicans have known since they captured control of Congress two years ago that they had the President in a corner. They forced him to veto two previous welfare reform Bills that he felt went too far in undermining core liberal values. With the election less than 100 days away, however, both sides needed a Bill to offer the electorate.

Mr Clinton and Congress can now claim separate victories while liberal Democrats and, ironically, Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, are seen as the losers. Mr Dole, no longer in the Senate, was reduced to claiming authorship of the legislation and scoffed at Mr Clinton's "election-year conversion".

The legislation propels enormous responsibility to the 50 states, many of which have already tested parts of the programme. Wisconsin is now saving $12 million a month and has reduced its welfare case-load by 40 per cent through workfare.

Recipients are required, as a condition of receiving benefits, to spend seven hours a day searching for a job. Although many have trouble finding anything that will lift them above the poverty level, successful applicants only have praise for the scheme.

No-one now knows what hardships the legislation may impose on America's neediest and youngest citizens, nor how it will affect such backward states as Mississippi where Third World conditions of poverty exist. The *New York Times*, in an editorial, described it as a "sad day for poor children" and predicted that the effect on cities with large immigrant populations would be devastating.

"It is not humane to remove a federal guarantee of welfare aid and create the leeway for additional punitive cuts at the state level," it said. "A Bill that creates child poverty is not an acceptable way to end welfare as we know it."

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL

☐ **Ends guarantee of federal cash assistance for poor children. States will receive block grants to run their own welfare programmes.**

☐ **Reduces spending by $55 billion over six years, mainly by cutting food stamps and aid to legal immigrants. Food stamps limited to three months in any three years.**

☐ **Imposes five-year lifetime limit on welfare. States can exempt up to a fifth of caseloads for hardship.**

☐ **Requires recipients to begin working within two years of going on welfare.**

☐ **Sets tough rules to crack down on parents who do not pay child support. Forces teenage mothers to stay at school and live with an adult to get benefits.**

Henry Fonda in ***The Grapes of Wrath***, Steinbeck's story of life and hard times in the Depression. Roosevelt's New Deal rescued America from that era, and later inspired the British welfare system

## The buck stops at California county

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE prospect of federal welfare reform has been greeted with dismay in America's most populous county, amid warnings of municipal bankruptcy.

Less than a year after its worst financial crisis, Los Angeles County now faces the task of providing a financial safety net for one in five of America's legal immigrants.

"It's devastating to the county," Gloria Molina, a supervisor and staunch ally of President Clinton, said of the welfare Bill which could deprive 400,000 constituents of federal aid. "This is probably going to bankrupt us."

In an editorial headed "Welfare Reform at California's Expense", the *Los Angeles Times* wrote: "Expect lines of elderly, blind or disabled immigrants at relief agencies, for they will no longer be eligible for federal benefits."

An estimated 93,000 immigrants in Los Angeles County will lose federal income support worth $236 million (£152 million) a year, officials say. The new Bill will also leave state bodies to decide whether about 200,000 legal immigrant families — many of them Russians and Eastern Europeans with scant grasp of English or capitalism — are entitled to food stamps, child support and healthcare.

California as a whole will forgo $10 billion it had been expecting from the federal Government over the next six years. Half of that had been earmarked for Los Angeles County, officials say.

## Township protesters set fire to train

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A TRAIN was set alight yesterday in Tembisa, 20 miles northeast of Johannesburg, as township residents vowed to continue their protest after the deaths of 15 people in a station stampede.

With tension still running high after clashes between police and youths the previous day, firefighters were called yesterday to extinguish a blaze on a commuter train. No one was injured. The township stations were almost deserted as residents heeded a call to boycott Metro Rail trains in protest at the tragedy.

Residents have pledged to conduct an arson campaign to protest at the appalling transport conditions in the township and the heavy-handed use of force by security guards at the main commuter station. The guards have been accused of provoking a stampede by firing shots and using electric batons on commuters. Metro Rail yesterday withdrew its security personnel for fear of aggravating the situation after youths had threatened to lynch the men.

News of simmering unrest in Tembisa coincided with calls for a clampdown on the use of electric batons. Amnesty International South Africa said yesterday that it had previously called for a ban on the use of "electric shock weapons" until regulations governing their manufacture, sale and use were in place and called on the Government to take urgent action.

Witnesses to Wednesday's tragedy claimed that security guards had inflicted injuries on commuters by pressing batons on bare flesh, including faces. At least one of those critically injured suffered shock burns and heart problems as a result of the batons' use. According to medical staff at a township hospital, more than 50 people were injured in the stampede.

The South African-manufactured shock baton is powered by a battery in its handle and a three- to eight-second burst is capable of knocking an adult man to the ground. Electronic stun guns were banned in Britain in 1988. According to regulations in South Africa, the peak volume recommended is 10,000 volts, but manufacturers admit that their shock batons emit impulses of up to 50,000 volts.

Amnesty said the Government was wrong not to classify the devices as weapons and called for regulation in the export of electric shock devices.

"Many of these weapons are dangerous and in some cases deadly," the group said. "Various South African companies have claimed to export these weapons to countries such as China and Egypt, which are notorious for systematic and widespread torture."

☐ **Durban:** The trial of Magnus Malan, the apartheid era Defence Minister, and 16 others resumed here yesterday with the accused continuing to challenge claims of covert paramilitary activities. All the accused deny charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. *(AFP)*

## Fugitive US financier goes on trial in Cuba

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

ON THE run for 25 years, one of America's most notorious fugitives went on trial yesterday — in Cuba. After one apparent scam too many, Robert Vesco was arrested last year in Havana and faces 20 years in jail for "illicit economic activity".

The son of a Detroit car mechanic, the financier, 60, is wanted in the US for allegedly stealing more than $200 million (£132 million) from investors. He fled in 1971, buying protection wherever he went.

Ten years later, after running out of money and friends, he vanished again. When he reappeared in 1985, he was in Cuba, which granted him refuge on medical grounds. Mr Vesco is alleged to have engaged in several subsequent criminal escapades, amassing further US charges, including drug running and smuggling in breach of the US trade embargo against Cuba.

Last year he was arrested by Cuban authorities, with his business partner Donald Nixon, nephew of the former US President, and accused of spying for "special foreign services". He is now formally charged with acts "prejudicial to the economic plans of the country" for his role in a project to develop a drug for cancer and arthritis behind the back of his Cuban hosts.

## Maid given big Manila welcome

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

SARAH BALABANGAN, a teenage Filipina maid spared from a death sentence in the United Arab Emirates, returned home as a celebrity yesterday.

Miss Balabangan, 17, who had been lionised by the Philippine press as a symbol of the ordeal suffered by more than four million Philippines workers abroad, was met at Manila airport by a senior Foreign Ministry official, who shepherded her into a packed press conference.

The girl had spent two years in jail in the UAE and received 100 lashes for killing her elderly Arab employer after he had allegedly tried to rape her. An Islamic court condemned her to death last September.

She admitted that she had repeatedly stabbed her employer after he had raped her. However, Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan al-Nahayan, the President of the UAE, later commuted the sentence.

Balabangan at a press conference yesterday

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### WORLD SUMMARY

## Crash jet baggage blamed

**New York:** Thirteen more bodies were found yesterday in a 50ft length of fuselage off Long Island as investigators continued to seek the cause of the crash of TWA Flight 800 (James Bone writes).

With 184 of the 230 victims' bodies now recovered, investigators said that the plane's forward cargo hold, where a bomb is thought to have exploded, contained passenger bags rather than commercial freight. That suggests that a bomb could have been carried by an unwitting passenger, a suicide bomber, or a baggage-handler. Louis Freeh, the FBI director, said there was still no "credible" evidence of a crime to justify his agency taking over the investigation.

## US defence pact with Mongolia

**Washington:** Mongolia has signed a defence co-operation agreement with America as part of its bid to expand ties with the West and Japan (Ian Brodie writes). Under the agreement, the two sides will have exchanges of military officers, with Mongolians being trained at US military academies. The US will donate computers for Mongolian military schools and will provide emergency aid during natural disasters in Mongolia.

## Tamil Tigers to be banned

**Colombo:** The Sri Lankan Government will ban the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam this week, a Defence Ministry source said (Vijitha Yapa writes). "Despite breaching the ceasefire of 1995, the Government . . . left the doors open hoping they would come for talks," the source said. The Tigers' struggle to create a separate state for the island's minority Tamils has cost more than 50,000 lives.

## Tudjman faces pressure in US

President Tudjman of Croatia is expected to come under fierce pressure, when he meets President Clinton in Washington today, to do more to influence hardline Croats in Bosnia who are undermining the Dayton peace process (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). Mr Tudjman will also be pressed to use his influence to end a Croat boycott of the newly elected council in Mostar.

## Workings of Israel's secret service exposed

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE operational structure of Mossad, Israel's secret intelligence service, which has always prided itself on weaving a cloak of impenetrable secrecy around its covert operations, has been disclosed by a British specialist journal.

The details of Mossad's "family tree" appear in *Jane's Sentinel* journal, which has published a special edition on the eastern Mediterranean. The Israeli defence establishment has already reacted with concern over revelations in the same publication about the Israeli Air Force, including the location of all its air bases.

The detailed focus on the air force and intelligence services is due to be published in *Sentinel* next week. Apart from studying the internal workings of Mossad, which is estimated to employ about 1,200 people, the journal looks at the rest of the Israeli intelligence community, including Shin Bet, the counter-espionage agency and internal security service.

Mossad, the Central Institute for Intelligence and Special Missions, is the equivalent of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, or MI6. Israeli newspapers and broadcasting services are prohibited from writing about Mossad.

According to the journal, Mossad's largest operational branch is the Collections Department, responsible for intelligence-gathering operations abroad. The Collections Department is split into sections and includes separate "desks" covering different regions. Branch A is said to cover Spain, Egypt, Cyprus and Algeria. Branch C is reported to cover the Mossad stations in London, Paris and Marseilles.

The journal also says that Mossad has a clandestine operations command, known within the Israeli secret service as Metsada, which runs "small units of combatants who carry out actions abroad against those considered to be a threat to Israeli security". The journal says: "These missions have included assassinations and sabotage."

The Metsada unit is said to be answerable directly to the head of Mossad, who was recently named by the Israeli Government as Major-General Danny Yatom, 51. General Yatom, said to be nicknamed "The Prussian", replaced Shabtai Shavit who resigned earlier this year after nearly seven years as Mossad's head.

Other Mossad branches are listed as the Political Action and Liaison Department which deals with friendly foreign intelligence services, including the American CIA and Britain's MI6, and a special section called LAP (Lohamah Psichlogit) which covers psychological warfare.

The journal says that one of the most important of the support departments is the Research Department, which has 15 separate desks, including ones for the United States, Canada, Western Europe, the former Soviet Union, Libya, Syria and Iran. It says there is also a nuclear desk which specialises solely in nuclear developments around the world. Israel is known to be keeping a close watch on Iran's nuclear ambitions; Iran is said to be ten to 15 years away from a nuclear bomb.

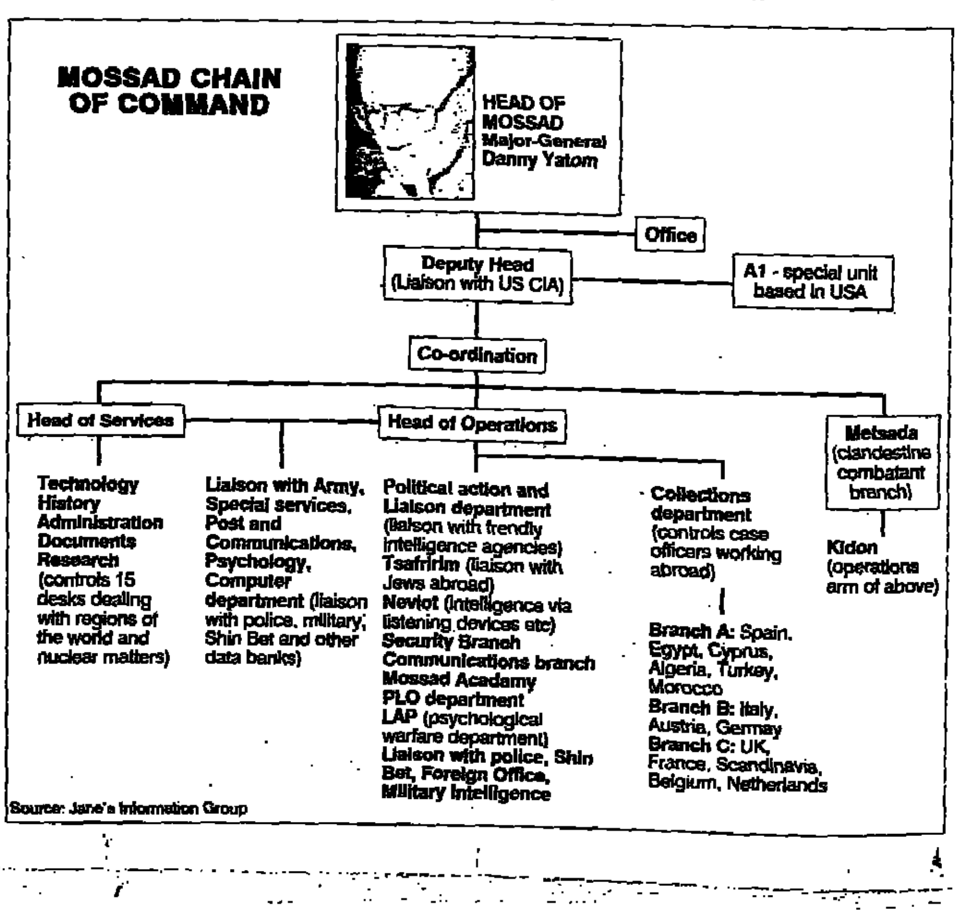
*Sentinel* says Mossad's Research Department produces short daily reports and longer weekly summaries on all areas of interest.

Shin Bet, the internal service, is reported to have three operational departments and five support departments. The operational sections are listed as the Arab Affairs Department, which monitors suspected Arab subversives; the Non-Arab Affairs Department, which is involved in "the penetration of foreign intelligence services and diplomatic missions" in Israel; and the Protective Security Department, responsible for protecting national representatives and assets.

## Death protest in West Bank

**Nablus, West Bank: Palestinians burnt tyres, threw stones and wrecked a petrol station yesterday in protest against the death of a detainee, severely beaten and burned by Palestinian interrogators.**

**As Mahmoud Jemayel's body was escorted to the city cemetery, women hurled bottles at police, and protesters demolished pumps at a petrol station belonging to the mayor, Ghassan Shakaa, believed by many to be behind the killing. Mr Shakaa, a confidant of Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, denied involvement.** ***(AP)***



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# Italian court frees Priebke over SS Rome massacre

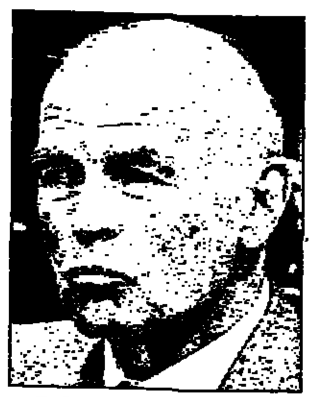
From John Phillips in Rome

AN ITALIAN military court yesterday convicted Erich Priebke, a former SS captain, of taking part in the massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi-occupied Rome, but ordered his immediate release because of extenuating circumstances.

Priebke, 83, was accused of mass murder aggravated by premeditation and cruelty in the killings on March 24, 1944. The prosecution had sought life imprisonment. Among those shot at the Ardeatine Caves on the outskirts of Rome were 75 Jews and a 14-year-old boy.

In a two-to-one ruling, the three-judge panel recognised Priebke's responsibility in the massacre but accepted the defence argument that, because he was acting under orders, he could not have disobeyed without risking being executed..

His present age, good behaviour in prison and "minimal role" in the crime were also taken into account, judicial sources said. Under Italian law, the crime was covered by a statute of limitation, meaning that he had to be released. Priebke, dressed in a tweed suit and pink shirt, showed no emotion as the verdict was read to a hushed courtroom by Judge Agostino Quistelli.


Priebke: acting under orders, said defence

"This is a victory for Italian justice that leaves me moved," said Velio Di Rezze, the defence lawyer. "What counts is the truth, and the truth is that Priebke was not responsible." He said that Priebke had reacted to the verdict with "a great feeling of gratitude towards Italian justice". The decision provoked an uproar among relatives of the victims and concentration camp survivors gathered in a room adjoining the courtroom, who chanted "Fascists, Fascists", and "Shame, shame".

Priebke now faces an appeal by the victims' lawyers, and in Germany a magistrate for the Dortmund prosecutor's office said that Bonn would seek his extradition to try him for the massacre again.

Earlier, victims' relatives had shouted "Assassin, executioner, you must die", when the court retired to consider its verdict.

Tullia Zevi, the head of the Italian Jewish community, had urged the court to convict Priebke but said he should be placed under house arrest "as a humanitarian gesture" that would bolster Italy's image abroad.

During the three-month trial, the defence argued that the massacre was a legitimate reprisal for the killing a day earlier of 33 German soldiers in Rome's Via Rasella by Italian Resistance fighters, and that Priebke had acted under orders he could not disobey. The killing of ten Italians for every German was ordered by SS Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Kappler, but five additional people were shot in the caves.

"You have to put yourself in the Nazi frame of mind in which that reprisal was legitimate," Signor Di Rezze had argued.

The prosecution contended that Priebke could have disobeyed orders as some others had, without repercussion. "This was a vendetta, a blood feud typical of the Nazi regime with its mythology of blood, race and nation," said Judge Antonino Intelisano in his closing speech. "There was no military code in this action: everything was done in a hurry, in secret, and had to be hidden."

Priebke admitted shooting two people and marking off the names of others as they were led to be killed. The Nazis later blew up the caves to try to hide the deed.

Much of the prosecution case rested on evidence by SS Major Karl Hass, who testified that, when Priebke discovered that five extra people were on the death list he, with the complicity of Kappler, killed them, to leave no civilian witness to the carnage.

Priebke was arrested in Argentina in May last year and extradited to Italy in November after an American television interview in which he admitted his role in the massacre. He had lived for decades in an Andean resort town, running a delicatessen.

# Germans tried to silence me, says Holocaust author

From Michael Kallenbach in Bonn

THE American historian Daniel Goldhagen, whose book on the Holocaust has angered Germans, yesterday replied to his critics, saying they wanted to silence him because he had broken a long-standing taboo.

Dr Goldhagen, whose book *Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust*, appears in German next week, said his arguments had been deliberately distorted in an attempt to dissuade the German public from reading it.

The book has caused an uproar in Germany, where critics have claimed that during the Hitler era the country was neither more nor less anti-Semitic than most other European countries. Dr Goldhagen maintains that ordinary Germans were not only anti-Semitic but participated willingly in killing Jews.

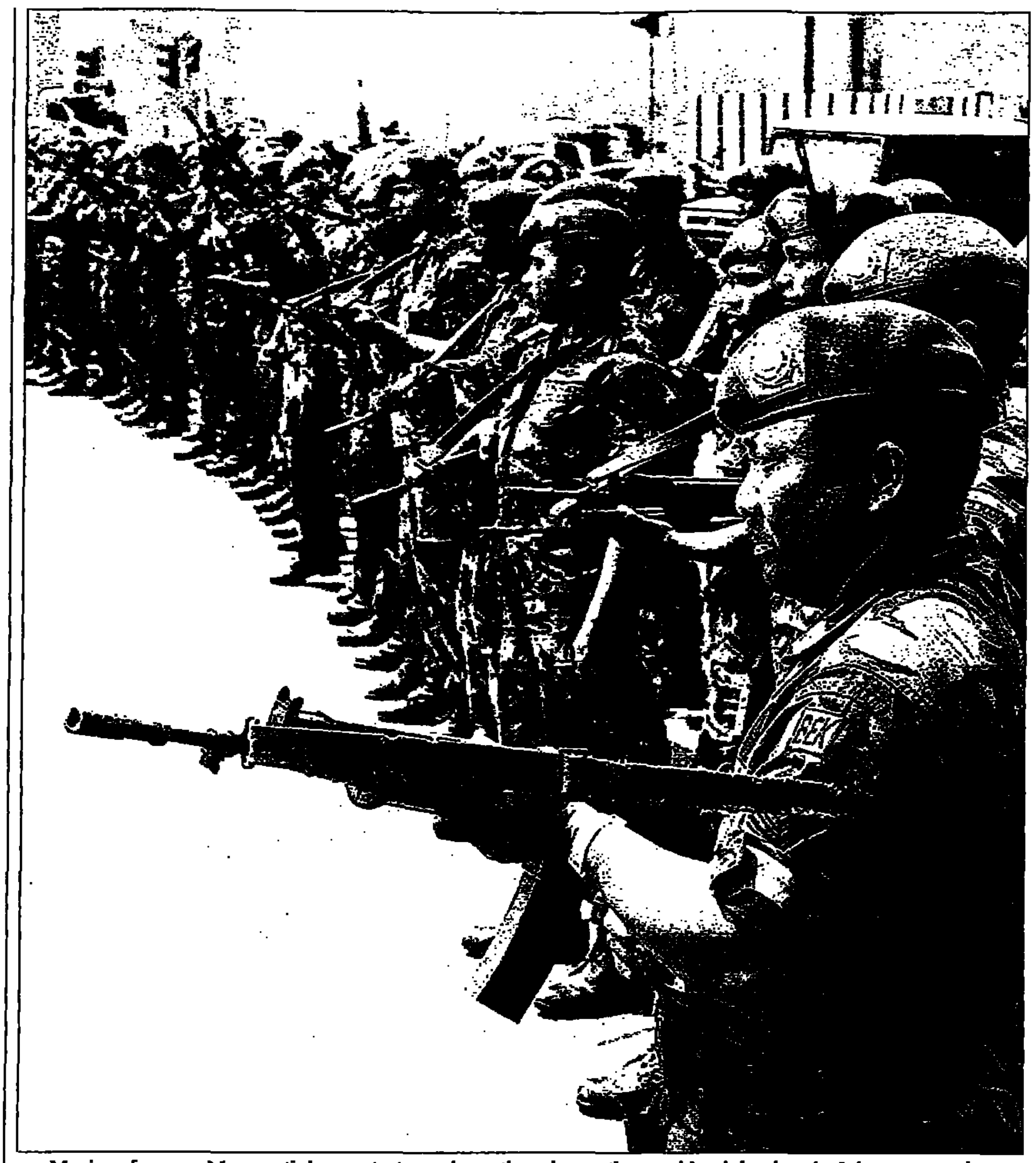
Given six pages by *Die Zeit*, the influential weekly, to put his case, Dr Goldhagen wrote yesterday: "This chorus of critics ... treats my book as a pernicious tract that belongs on an index of banned books. They react with a fury that recalls people who want to shut someone up because he dares to touch on a long-standing taboo."

Among the 16 critics he named are Rudolf Augstein, publisher of *Der Spiegel*, Frank Schirrmacher, publisher of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Hans Mommsen, a leading German historian, and Jörg von Uthmann, a former German diplomat in Israel, who is now a writer.

*Die Zeit* commented: "The vehemence of the reaction matches the stridency of the provocation."

Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, also recently became embroiled in the controversy. He said guilt was neither collective nor inherited. However, he said he would wait until the German edition was published before commenting further.

Dr Goldhagen, whose father was a Holocaust survivor, said that he would take part in several public debates with leading German historians next month.


Marines face pro-Megawati demonstrators who gathered near the presidential palace in Jakarta yesterday

# 'Political toothache' halts case in Jakarta

By Christopher Thomas

A JUDGE'S apparent toothache saved the Indonesian Government yesterday from having to defend itself in court against allegations that it conspired to remove the country's main opposition leader as head of her party.

Riot police and troops scattered hundreds of supporters of Megawati Sukarnoputri outside the Central Jakarta District Court, where she was taking the extraordinary step of suing a government that controls almost all aspects of political life and holds sway over some aspects of the judiciary.

Three judges were to have heard the case: one of them did not turn up, however, claiming to be in pain with his tooth. Opposition leaders called it a political toothache. A few days earlier, the judge had been well enough to hear a triple murder case. The case was adjourned until August 22.

Miss Megawati was voted out of the leadership of her Indonesian Democratic Party, which she has led since 1993, after a pro-government faction opposed her. Few people doubt there was official involvement in the outcome. Her party is one of only three that are officially recognised.

The interference has backfired: Miss Megawati is now the undisputed leader of the campaign for democracy, having been seen to force the Government into securing her removal as an official party leader. She remains a member of parliament and said yesterday: "I will carry on doing what is right".

# Woman strikes fear in Indonesia's rulers

From Christopher Thomas in Jakarta

SMALL, plump, softly spoken and diffident — Megawati Sukarnoputri seems an unlikely challenger to Indonesia's strictly ordered political system. But she has rattled the Government as nobody else, with an intensifying campaign to replace President Suharto, which could mean more violence and an end to 30 years of stability and security.

Miss Megawati, 49, married three times and mother of two sons and a daughter, remembers living in the presidential palace as a child. What she does not remember, she said yesterday in an interview with *The Times*, is the massive bloodshed before her father, President Sukarno, was ousted. "When my father was thrown out of the presidency, many died. I was only a young girl and I did not know about this until later."

Megawati: backed by the educated young

She lives with her husband, Taufiq Kiemas, a member of the House of Representatives, in a large white house in the southern suburbs of Jakarta. Since the rioting outside the headquarters of her Indonesian Democratic Party last weekend, she has not left home. "My people will not let me go out. They say it is not safe for me. The situation is not stable."

As the daughter of the country's charismatic founding President, she is a natural symbol for change. She appeals mostly to the educated young who are the driving force for reform of a system that ensures perpetual rule for those in power. "We want equal rights with the rest of the free nations of the world," she said. "The new generation want the right to speak and write freely. They want to be able to express their hopes and opinions openly."

Indonesia was not democratic, she said: there was high-level corruption. There were labour problems, land problems, a worsening rich-poor divide, all of which had to be tackled democratically. She said change had usually come about in Indonesia violently — the old kingdoms always ended in bloodshed — but she hoped to lead a peaceful transition. Change without chaos was possible: the transition had begun and could not be stopped. Her campaign would continue.

She said the constitution provided a "good mechanism" for electing a President, but had not been used. In 50 years of independence there had been only two Presidents — her late father and President Suharto — and the people were demanding the right to a democratically elected leader.

She acknowledged that under President Suharto the country had prospered economically and there had been peace and stability. But it was time to move on. There was a danger of violence if President Suharto died, because there was no experience in democratically choosing a new President. She said: "The older generation refuse to see what is going on."

She became the acknowledged leader of the pro-democracy movement in June after a government-backed faction in her party deposed her and installed a new chairman — a move that confirmed intense official fear of her influence, which in turn projected her as a force to be reckoned with. She is probably the only person seriously able to challenge President Suharto, 75, who is likely to run for a seventh term in 1998 if his health holds out. He would be certain to win under the present system.

A crowd of about 10,000 rallied outside Miss Megawati's party headquarters last weekend. The gathering turned into a riot after helmeted police broke into the office and sealed it. Would-be rioters have been told they will be shot on sight.

Miss Megawati, elected party leader in 1993, has not been an especially impressive political performer. But she is the greatest force for change in more than a generation, and the Government's crackdown is proof of the threat she poses to the old order.

# Wily Yeltsin cuts Lebed down to size

Six weeks after the Afghan war veteran swept into the Kremlin with the swagger of a presidential heir-in-waiting, he has been outmanoeuvred by his patron, **Richard Beeston** writes in Moscow

MORE than a month after General Aleksandr Lebed swept into the Kremlin promising to cure Russia's ills and lead it into the next century, the fortunes of the gruff soldier have begun to dim.

In the space of only six weeks, the former paratrooper and self-styled heir-in-waiting to the Kremlin leadership has discovered that his battlefield skills are of little use in the cut-throat world of Moscow politics. Undermined by President Yeltsin and outmanoeuvred by his rivals, the once-confident, and at times boastful, political hopeful has grown strangely silent.

Shortly after his appointment as secretary of the presidential security council, General Lebed served notice that he planned not only to tackle relevant issues, such as military reform and the conflict in Chechenia, but also problems relating to religion, culture, economy and crime. But since installing himself in the Kremlin, he has so far failed to make an impact on any aspect of policy.

The most glaring example of his shortcomings has been felt in Chechenia, where he had promised to implement a long-awaited peace plan to demilitarise the war-torn republic. Instead, a pre-election ceasefire has been shattered by a bloody new round of fighting, and plans for a Lebed peace mission to the region have now been postponed indefinitely.

"Lebed has been completely discredited over Chechenia," said Andrei Piontkovsky, the head of the Centre for Strategic Studies in Moscow. "It is clear now that he only criticised the war as a means to pursue his rivalry with [former Defence Minister General Pavel] Grachev. Now that Grachev has been removed and the atrocities continue, Lebed sounds like all the others in government." Another area where the Afghan War veteran was expected to use his military expertise was in the field of army reform, in particular, efforts to convert the demoralised and ill-disciplined conscript force of two million into a smaller and more professional organisation by the turn of the century.

Although General Lebed succeeded in having his nominee, General Igor Rodionov, appointed as Defence Minister, the victory was undermined by a classic piece of Yeltsin power-balancing. Last week the Russian leader ordered the creation of a defence council headed by Yuri Baturin, the Kremlin's former security chief, to tackle the reform issue. Instead of a leading role in the council's affairs, General Lebed now finds himself as only one voice on an 18-member body.

As for the economy, his boasts that he planned to take a direct hand in administering the country's economic policies have been neutralised by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and Anatoli Chubais, the new Kremlin Chief of Staff.

The consensus among Russian analysts and foreign diplomats in Moscow is that General Lebed has been manipulated by President Yeltsin. After the first round of voting in the presidential elections on June 16, the Russian leader courted the general for his 11 million voters, but since winning re-election in the second round on July 3 the Kremlin chief has neutralised General Lebed as a political force.

# New twist put on the Bermuda Triangle

From Roger Maynard in Sydney

THE mystery of the Bermuda Triangle, where scores of ships and planes are said to have disappeared, may have been solved by a retired Australian academic.

Richard Sylvester, a former associate professor in the department of civil engineering at the University of Western Australia, claims vortices, or whirlpools, are the reason for so many vessels and aircraft vanishing without trace in the western Atlantic between Bermuda and Florida. Now he has written a book on his theory, which he says came to him two years ago in a "brainwave" after watching a television programme about the zone.

In *The Bermuda Triangle — Mystery No More*, Mr Sylvester, who studied sea and wave action as a coastal engineer, says that a vortex in the air could create draughts strong enough to pull a plane down to the sea, where the wind generates a current in the water, creating another vortex which in turn sucks the plane to the seabed.

This might also account for the absence of any kind of evidence on the seabed. When the vortex moves through the sea it acts like a vacuum cleaner, sucking up huge amounts of sand, rock and silt, which spin around in suspension. When the whirlpool moves on, the silt settles on the floor of the ocean, where it can bury any debris up to 10ft deep, making it virtually undetectable.

# Macho Latin bulls see off Europe's wimps

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

HARD on the heels of "mad cow" disease, another bovine affliction has sent a shiver of panic through *aficionados* of the bullring: weedy bull syndrome.

Many European bulls bred for the ring have become enfeebled, making them poor foes for even the meekest matador. Their frailty is due to a combination of wet weather, inbreeding and over-feeding, according to a report published in France yesterday.

From Arles in southern France to Seville in Spain, bulls are showing a tendency to collapse under their own weight before the first *olé* has sounded. Bullfight organisers say the weakness appears to be linked to genetic problems and obesity.

Bullfight fans have come to expect ever larger bulls, with many weighing more than half a tonne. In the weeks before a fight, breeders tended to fatten up their animals, but many bulls lack the strength to carry the sudden extra poundage and often keel over without much of a fight.

"They are artificially fed with fattening food, when they usually eat only wild grass," Hubert Yonnet, a bull-breeder from the Camargue, told the French magazine *Evénement du Jeudi*. Some breeders also send bulls to the ring before they have reached full five-year maturity. Inbreeding is also a problem; at least 70 per cent of Spanish fighting bulls are descended from the champion Andalusian bull, Domecq.

A frail bull spins over, bringing a clownish touch to the Nimes arena

This year's crop of bulls is particularly doddery, with the wet, cold weather leaving many stiff in the joints, bronchial and oddly pacific. The magazine said enthusiasts are increasingly turning to South America, where the bulls are leaner and meaner. Often raised on large farms where they must travel great distances for food and water, the South American bulls apparently grow smaller horns but bigger muscles.

Once bulls from across the Atlantic were sneered at as lesser creatures, but now French and Spanish bullfighters are having to import South American breeding bulls in order, as one commentator put it, "to put the bravery back in our bulls".

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# March of the tartan-skirted army

## Authoritative and assertive, Scottish women seem to be taking over everywhere. Giles Coren finds out why

The Scot pack, anti-clockwise from left, top model Stella Tennant, *Newsnight*'s Kirsty Wark, Kirsty Young, Muriel Gray and *GMTV*'s Lorraine Kelly

IT BEGINS with Lorraine Kelly bounding onto *GMTV* at 6am and ends with Kirsty Wark signing off on *Newsnight* at 11.15pm. Unless, of course, it is one of those days when Lesley Riddoch takes *The Midnight Hour* into the small hours. In between, every day, on television and radio, in the pages of the national press and in the gossip columns, the ubiquity of Scottish women testifies to their recent, and total, conquest of the world.

There is Sheena MacDonald, presenter of *House to House*. Tracey MacLeod, late of *The Late Show*, Kirsty Young on *The Holiday Show* and Muriel Gray, whose presentation of *The Tube* launched the first sorties back in the early Eighties.

There are frothier warriors too, such as Carol Smiley, the model who has graduated from glamorous *Wheel of Fortune* hostess to become a presenter on *Hearts of Gold*, and models Honor Fraser and Stella Tennant, more Belgravia than *Braveheart*, but members of the same tartan army.

Genista McIntosh, the newly appointed and first female chief executive of the Royal Opera House, Rona Cameron of *Gaytime TV*... the list seems endless.

Kirsty Young, the youngest of the serious wing of the Scot Pack at 27, is only beginning to appreciate the significance of the revolution: "It hadn't really occurred to me that we were taking over the world," she says modestly. "But then it isn't so apparent when you are on the inside. It may be down to an artificial redressing of the balance, in that it has become easier to get on in television both as a woman and as someone with a regional accent, and we nicely fulfil both clauses. By being far enough away to be almost foreign, we may also have a sort of exotic quality — we are not northerners as such, or Midlanders."

There is clearly some truth in this. "Change doesn't come about organically, but because it suddenly becomes obvious that the situation is absurd," says Lesley Riddoch, who is also associate editor of *The Scotsman* and a regular speaker on Channel 4's *People's Parliament*. "To employ a Scotswoman is to kill two birds with one stone, if you'll pardon the pun. And the bosses can say to themselves, 'Haven't we done well?' "

"I always thought the number of *Irish* women on television was down to their accents being classless and unpindownable — perhaps, to English ears, the same goes for the Scots accent. It is also supposed to be earnest, and believable, as if we have thought things through."

As to why it is the women, rather than the men, who are ubiquitous, there are different theories. "In terms of broadcasting, Scotsmen are very taciturn," says Ms Riddoch. "It is said that women develop communication skills earlier than men, and perhaps that is even more the case in a macho environment like Scotland. So many of our decision-makers are men, and I sometimes think that women are connecting up the thoughts of the men, and presenting them. In a macho society, where men don't like speaking, women are pushed into it."

Kirsty Young has another idea. "It might be that we are slightly better looking! Scottish men are everywhere in politics, and as women we avoid that association with the lumpy, ill-fitting suits of Westminster. We are also better at being bossy, and tend to get very stern when we lose our tempers, which producers are very keen on. It is the practice we get keeping our men in line!

"It is also more unusual — and therefore more interesting — to see a woman in a dark suit giving someone a hard time, than a man. There is still a sort of novelty value attached."

Lorraine Kelly sees social advantages in being Scottish: "It can be difficult to establish a rapport with a Hollywood star who is doing 110 other interviews. But as soon as they see I am Scottish they always turn out to have an Auntie Fanny in Skye, or be interested in golf or something. Kirk Douglas kept asking me to say things because he liked the accent, and Bette Midler grilled me about where to visit when she was in Scotland. It helps you to stand out."

Or rather, at *GMTV*, to fit in. "There is definitely a Scottish mafia here," says Ms Kelly. "Maybe it's because we are all a bit sassy, a bit sparky, but also warm. It's difficult to explain..."

They are also tough, and involved in the gritty end, by and large, of the business. "That is because there is no tradition of light entertainment in Scotland," says Kirsty Young. "What Scottish television makes for itself is news and current affairs programmes, so that whatever we do, ultimately that will always be where our grounding lies."

The result is a certain sternness. "Scottish women on television tend not to be coquettish or flirty. It could be genetic, it could come from being taught by blue-stocking schoolmistresses of the Miss Jean Brodie type. It could be something in the water. Or the haggis."

Kirsty Wark, who is held up by the younger generation as one of the pioneers, has also seen a mafia emerging. "*Newsnight* is overrun with Scots. I can see at least four from here. Two women, two men. Maybe it's because we are brought up to be tough and assertive, and have to wear all that wode.

"The smallness of BBC Scotland makes the training very rigorous, and the lack of money means a lot of airtime to fill with unprepared talk. After a few years of that you form some pretty strong opinions."

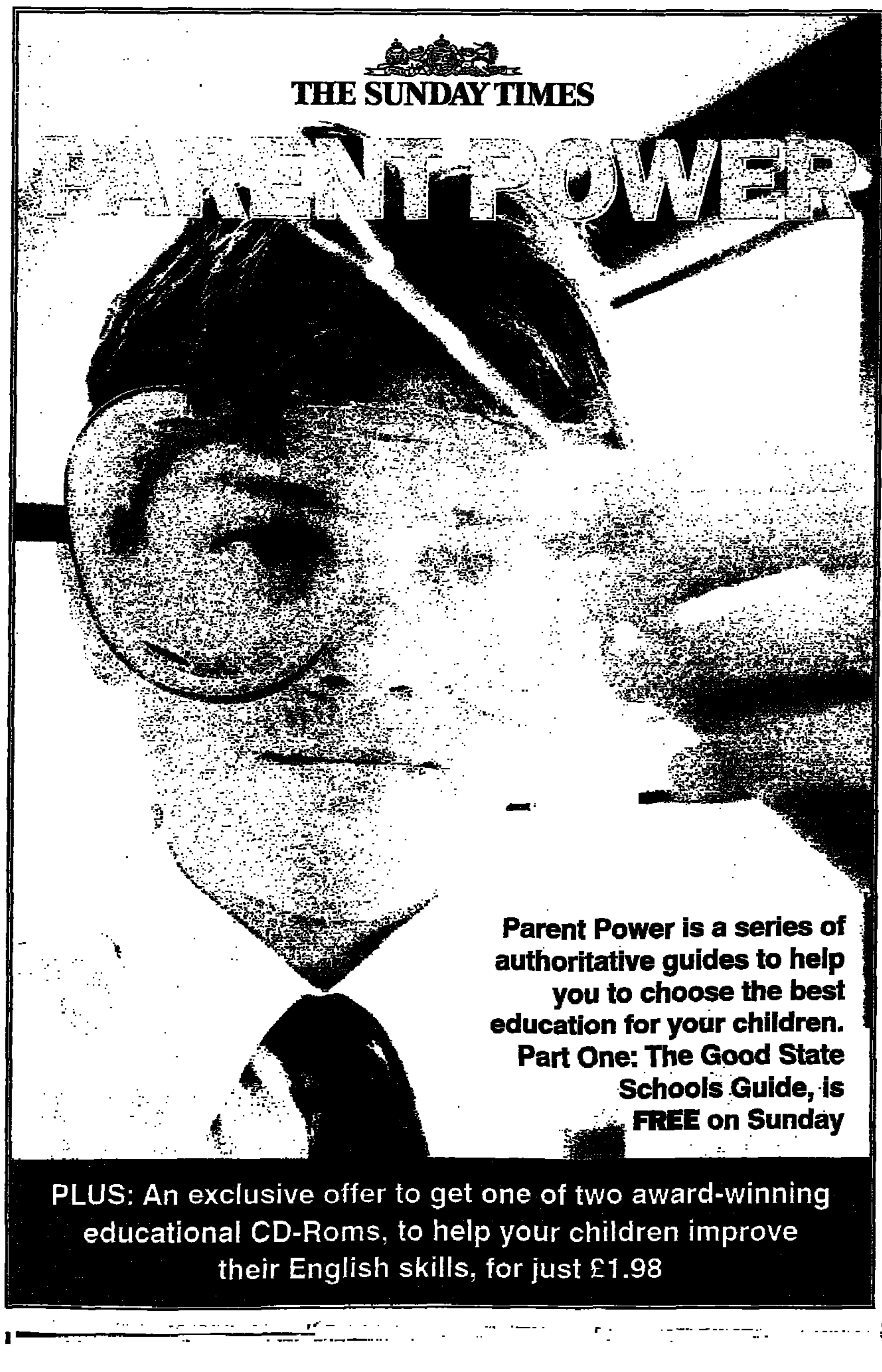
They are certainly more politicised than their southern counterparts, and most have chosen to remain in Scotland despite the allure of London. "People like Ruth Wishart, Sheena MacDonald, Muriel and myself are fiercely committed to a separate parliament for Scotland," says Lesley Riddoch.

None admit to being part of a defined coterie, ("We are so mobile," says Ms Riddoch, "that we don't even see our partners that much, let alone each other.") but they do bump into each other occasionally on the Shuttle.

"Scotland is a tiny little pool of people," says Kirsty Young. "And the media circle is not huge. I know Kirsty and Muriel, and I have met Lesley a few times. But we don't all sit around together on Friday nights clinking champagne glasses saying, 'Congratulations lassies we've got it all sewn up'."

Nor, though, do they fear for the future — despite the notorious whim of media controllers whose image of the ideal employee wafts with fashion:

"I think we are too entrenched now," says Lorraine Kelly. "Can you imagine someone trying to get rid of us? What man would want to try to do that?"



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### **Jason Cowley** on a campaigner who threatens to return his MBE

# Why I am still a hostage to the Gulf War

The history of the Gulf Support Group is the history of an obsession. Established in a spirit of defiance after some 3,000 British citizens were taken hostage following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait six years ago today, the group is now mired in debt and bitterness.

It survives only through the stubborn determination of its founder, the Coventry businessman Stephen Brookes. But even he is losing faith; he threatens to return his MBE — awarded for humanitarian work on behalf of the hostages — in protest at what he perceives to be a lack of government interest in their plight. Once a source of pride, his medal now serves as a reminder of what has gone wrong.

It all began for Mr Brookes and his wife Josie when they received a phone call from their closest friend, Wen Li. Her husband Eric Watson, best man at their wedding, had been taken hostage after his plane was intercepted on a refuelling stop in Kuwait.

"The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait had been headline news for several days, but now it hit us between the eyes," wrote Josie Brookes in her book about the crisis, *The Human Shield*. "We were so angry, so bitter, so frustrated at the lack of news, we were galvanised into action..."

What they were then not to know was just how much their involvement with the hostages was to cost them, not just in financial terms but personally. As Mr Brookes, 49, became increasingly caught up in his quest to free the hostages and then later to gain compensation for them, so the distinction between his private and public self dissolved.

"The whole thing has been a disaster for us," he says. "We have lived with nothing but this crisis for the past six years. Before this started, we were just a middle-of-the road professional couple [Mr Brookes worked in sales and marketing for an engineering company]. But now we are virtually second-degree hostages of Iraq."

Stephen and Josie Brookes: a high price to pay

After struggling to maintain a normal relationship, Stephen and Josie finally divorced last year. "We allowed the pressure of the campaign to destroy our marriage. I was working from home and it meant that we had no respite from everything that was going on. We had no one else to turn to." Although they are now living together again, they have no plans to remarry. Money remains an endless difficulty: only last week their telephone was disconnected because they were unable to pay the bill. Mr Brookes says: "We have put something like £60,000 of our own money into the group: we have been to hell and back — and still there is no sign of a resolution."

'The whole thing has been a disaster for us'

The former hostage James Ure has met Mr Brookes on several occasions over the past six years. "Stephen is consumed by a sense of wrong," he says. "But I sometimes wonder if people realise how much he himself has suffered. The campaign has gone beyond the Gulf War now, beyond everything."

It was not always like this. When the Gulf Support Group was set up it had the backing of MPs, big business and many volunteers, and the Government helped to fund a London office. The Gulf Support Trust was also created to handle donations and to help pay for the enormous expense of running a support group.

But just as many of the hostages have suffered in silence, so Mr Brookes has watched interest in his campagn dissipate. The London office was closed early in 1991, donations ceased around the same time and the Government withdrew after making £147,000 available to establish trauma centres for the hostages at two London hospitals.

"Once the hostages got off the plane most people assumed that the group had served its purpose," Mr Brookes says. "Of course, the real work was only just beginning. After the initial euphoria, the hostages had to face the reality of unemployment, post-traumatic stress and life on social security.

"When the Iraqis invaded, these people lost their homes and their businesses; women were raped. It's not hard to see why they have struggled to cope, especially when they haven't had the necessary counselling." He says that in the past five years, 17 of the hostages have died from "stress-related illnesses", there have been several suicides and many have succumbed to alcoholism as they wrestle with debt and loneliness.

Not a month passes but he receives a letter from one of the hostages "desperate for help and advice". Many seem compelled endlessly to recount the story of their incarceration.

He also receives letters from MPs orchestrating campaigns on behalf of constituents. In a letter to the Foreign Secretary, Iain Sproat, the Heritage Minister, described how one of his constituents had had his life ruined by his experience as a hostage: "The farmers, struck disastrously by the consequences of BSE, are to be compensated. Yet the Foreign Office refuses to help these British nationals whose lives have been ruined through no fault of their own. My constituent has been driven to despair over this."

James Ure was working as a chef at Baghdad Airport when he was taken hostage. Since returning to Britain he has suffered from depression and ill health. Now 60, he is scratching a living from odd jobs after being evicted from his house earlier this year. "Like many of the hostages, I came back to no job and no prospects. My marriage has broken up and if it wasn't for Stephen's work, I don't think I would have made it."

Mr Brookes says that interest on frozen Iraqi assets in Britain may hold the key to the compensation problem. "My research suggests that Iraq has assets of £748 million tied up in British banks. The interest alone could be used to help the hostages." The response of the Foreign Office is categorical: "Security Council resolutions do not allow the interest on Iraqi funds held in UK banks to be taken to meet claims of UK nationals."

That is no help to Mr Brookes, who has the forlorn look of one who feels that a great injustice has been committed. Although he insists that his life will eventually return to normal, there is, in truth, nothing but doubt in his expressions of confidence.

His obsession must surely now seem like a kind of imprisonment. There is no possibility of release. He has come too far.

MICHAEL POWELL

Professor Jack Scarisbrick: "If you deny that life begins with the fusion of sperm with ovum, when does it begin?"

# Fighting for the unborn child

## The founder of Life, Professor Jack Scarisbrick, is against IVF treatment — but he is appalled by the destruction of embryos

### THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

The Life movement is neither fashionable *nor popular*. Its founder, Professor Jack Scarisbrick, is a big man of 67 with a rubicund face, a loudly striped shirt and an equanimity about finding himself ignored. He knocked on the door of 10 Downing Street on Wednesday, fruitlessly: there was to be no reprieve for the 3,000 frozen embryos now being disposed of at fertility clinics.

The embryos are microscopic clusters of cells, the size of a typewritten full stop. Their humanity is debatable, and the whole issue is clouded by sentiment and misapprehension, but this week the reasoning public had to question why, under an arbitrary five-year rule, the embryos, once so yearned for by infertile couples, are now being discarded.

Another reminder of how far science has advanced beyond our ability to cope with the resulting human and social chaos.

John Joseph Scarisbrick, born in suburban London, was a fifth child; with three older sisters and a brother who had Down's syndrome. "So I think I was lucky not to be conceived post-1967. My mother, who was 43 with a severely disabled husband [he died when Jack was five] plus a Down's child and three other children, would have been pressurised not to proceed with the pregnancy."

Jack grew up inveterately happy. After two years in the RAF "treated like vermin by the NCOs" he arrived at Christ's College Cambridge, heard the porter call him "sir" and had six happy years there. He then embarked on 15 happy years teaching at Queen Mary College: followed by 25 happy years as professor of history at exciting new Warwick University (where Germaine Greer was writing her *Female Eunuch* and scaring the pants off him). He met "a gorgeous girl" named Nuala, they produced two daughters and he wrote two books (on Henry VIII and the Reformation) and lives to this day in a Victorian villa with a magnificent walled garden "where you might be miles from the tumult of modern life".

Modern life encroached in 1970. The professsor, a new father, was incensed by David Steel's "intellectually contemptible" Abortion Bill arguments that the child in the womb was morally inferior and disposable because "dependent". "Dependence implies duties on the person depended on. If dependence denotes disposability, then my daughter was disposable too." He founded Life, which has fought abortion, IVF treatment and embryo experiments ever since.

Life was to have no religious affiliation, he insisted, but yes, he is a Roman Catholic. "But my wife gets very angry when people say 'you're doing this because your husband's a Catholic'."

They took the absolutist stance that the destruction of the child in the womb is always wrong. But they also realised "it wasn't enough to say 'thou shalt not'. Not every pregnancy is wanted, even in a happy marriage. We needed to provide a helpline like the Samaritans, and a pregnancy care service". They have 200 branches run by volunteers, and get 100,000 calls a year.

The professor admires the American right-to-life movement for making it a central political issue "which we have not succeeded in doing". What about the US pro-life movement's propensity for aggressive, murderous, anti-life activity?

"Two or three weirdo extremists out of tens of thousands," he says. "We have the occasional oddball join us but they don't stay because Life is hard work. Our counsellors undergo rigorous training and selection. And they have to test urine samples. That sorts them out."

There is no love lost between the professor and the Human Embryology and Fertilisation Authority. Will the two sides ever agree on the question of when life begins? The HEFA decided on 14 days (when the primitive streak, which becomes the spinal cord, appears).

"*If you deny* that life begins with the fusion of sperm with ovum, the big bang, an explosion of energy, when does it begin? Professor Robert Edwards has written categorically that life begins at fertilisation. The former Archbishop John Habgood espoused an absurd agnosticism: "It has no beginning, it is a process." Wonderful Anglican waffle.

"The analogy I use is from cricket," says the professor, a cricket fanatic. "When does a cricket match begin? When the umpire says 'play'. Before that, you have two teams. If you were to say to the bowler at the end of the third over, 'sorry, we're not sure this match has begun at all yet, the bowler would be very surprised.

"The word foetus is a euphemism for unborn child. A gynaecologist examining a pregnant woman does not say 'and how is your foetus today?'"

Professor Scarisbrick believes that the entire sexual revolution has diminished women. Women are expected to be: sexually available; willing to have an abortion if inconveniently pregnant; ready to produce a baby when required, and to abort any defective foetus. "And if she can't produce she is a failure, or must undergo a painful, expensive procedure with a 90 per cent failure rate."

Meanwhile male and female infertility increase. The womb is a dark and chemically complex organ. Sperm counts plummet. "And you can't reverse the process like turning on a tap."

*Life* has opened its own obstetric clinic in Liverpool with an alternative to IVF, taking the ripe egg from the blocked tube and placing it at the top of the uterus. "We haven't had a pregnancy yet — but we've had four *natural* pregnancies." They also run the first baby hospice, Zoe's Place, for newborn disabled children. "It's not enough for us to say 'Don't kill this baby': we must offer alternatives."

Professor Scarisbrick appealed to postpone the implementation of the five-year law, to allow prospective adoptive couples to take the embryos. "Twenty five couples have approached us since last Thursday. We can transfer the embryos to wombs. It will cost the nation nothing."

The irony is that the IVF clinics do not want to destroy the embryos; Professor Ian Craft calls the rule a noose around their necks.

"So we all see these cauldrons on television, steaming away in liquid nitrogen," Professor Scarisbrick says. "There are 60,000 in deep freezes; whose sell-by date is coming up. It is a ghastly dilemma, entirely man-made. We are trying to rescue something from the wreckage.

"So many things in our lifetime are unimaginable and unforeseen. People thought it was all about little Louise Brown, and Patrick Steptoe surrounded by babies, glossing over the real outcome. It will not look good in the record that on August 1, 1996, 3,000 human beings were condemned to death."

# Atlanta needs a winning streak

## **Quentin Letts** is hoping for a flash of inspiration at the Olympic Games

ONLY two days of the Olympic Games to go, and not yet a single streaker. There have been Michael Johnson's golden running shoes. Armenian athletes chasing a local prostitute down the street — the speed she went, we could have used her in the British team — and the temporary hijack of the Princess Royal's car by our gold medallists Redgrave and Pinsent. But not a single, measly streak.

In Britain it has been a summer *sans culottes*. There was the plump-bottomed streaker at Wimbledon, a featherless birdie at the Open, and the naked man who this week interrupted the Webster's World Darts Matchplay, even as the sharp-pointed arrows were flying. Afterwards he had a biting walk home down Blackpool's promenade with nothing to shield him from the stiff sea breeze. Then, last weekend, two men stripped off in front of the Queen during the Cartier polo at Windsor. Her Majesty was amused.

In America, however, streaking is almost unknown, a sorry state of affairs that surely says something about the odd, almost perverted prudishness in this land of free expression and lurid sexual lowlife. American magazines are often absurdly sensitive about ticklish advertisements for products such as bras and deodorants, ads which are carried without a moment's thought by European titles. On the beaches of the Hamptons, the fashionable weekend enclave on New York's Long Island, bikini tops are very much kept on, even though everyone is happy to tune in to the Robin Byrd midnight striptease show on the local cable television service.

AMERICA does have the weather for streaking: Atlanta is formidably balmy. The people certainly have the *joie de vivre*, the eye for self-promotion, and many have the basic equipment. Sure, there are a lot of fatties, but there are also countless keep-fit fanatics who would look swell in their birthday suits.

Joyce Brothers, a New York psychologist, believes it is simply that America has fallen out of the streaking fashion. "We did have streaking in the Seventies on the college campuses," she recalled, almost wistfully, "and someone once streaked behind David Niven at the Academy Awards." Dr Brothers interprets streaking as a way of stating one's independence, of putting other people down, and telling them that they are stuffy and uptight. "Perhaps that's why you Brits are at it all the time," she said.

A streaker would have provided a valuable service here. Those of us in the press tent would have scurried after the culprit in search of vital statistics and a few comments rather than writing about all the disorganisation and, of course, the bomb.

What the Atlanta Games needs is a damned good streak. There are still two days left, so on yer marks, get set, and get 'em off.

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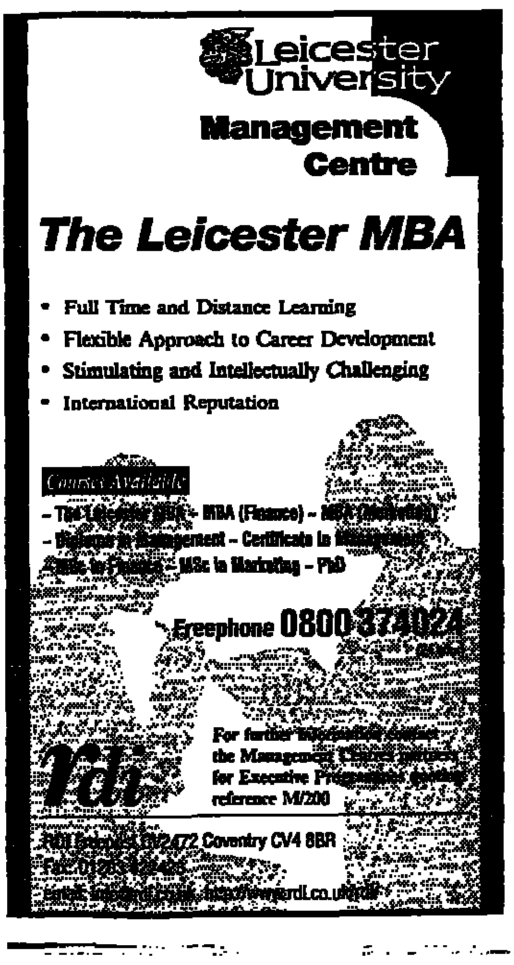

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# On course for better things

**David Tytler** looks at teenagers who volunteer to go back to school in the summer holidays

DES JENSON

Summer University students: "We aim for a programme that is fun, based around sports, music and the arts, with academic and vocational courses"

Sometime next week a rocket is due to be launched from the heart of London, designed not by the world's leading space scientists, but as part of an ambitious scheme of summer courses for inner-city teenagers.

The Summer University, organised by Tower Hamlets council, opened its doors this week to the first of thousands of students voluntarily giving up their holidays to improve their existing skills and gain new ones. The rocket launch is part of a science course at St Paul's Way School, attended by ten students. Elsewhere in the building, teenagers are learning to play soft ball, paint on silk or improve their writing skills.

Frances Knowles, manager of community education at St Paul's Way, says that last year's pilot scheme was a resounding success, with 2,700 students on courses during the four-week period. Not all would have completed the subjects they had signed up for, but there is no doubting either the enthusiasm and commitment of the tutors or that of the students.

One of the striking aspects of the scheme is the "peer motivators" idea: teenagers with an interest in youth work are trained to act as assistants, talking directly to the students, ensuring they are in the right place at the right time, and making sure that they are having fun and feel the courses are worthwhile.

Ms Knowles says: "The 'motivators' are attached to classes and one attends every activity. They talk to students to ensure that they are getting what they want and are having fun. The idea is that they will move on into youth-work training. They will get an assessment from us, stating what they have been taught, the skills they have achieved and how well they have used them. They are very carefully selected, but if they are not any good, they will be weeded out."

The teenage assistants are paid £7.50 a session and work only when they are required. David Holloway, one of the two Summer University directors, says: "In all aspects of youth work, drug and sex education, for example, we are increasingly using young people to talk to other young people as the most effective way of getting the message across."

Mr Holloway has been involved in summer projects for teenagers for five years. "There have been summer programmes in the past, but they have tended to be based around youth clubs, with outings and some projects — a very small menu. We aim for a balanced programme that is fun, based around sports, music and the arts, with some residential courses, together with academic and vocational courses. The students sign up to a bit of each.

"Many are reluctant at first, but once they start they want to get on. We use art and music and the Internet as a way into the more structured learning. We want to get them actively involved and enthusiastic about their learning.

"We have fun on the Internet, but the students soon learn that to do everything they want they have to get the technical skills, to learn about maths and science."

Mr Holloway, a graduate who dropped out of school at 13, but returned to higher education, adds that he also believes in the importance of structured education: the three Rs and whole-class teaching. He estimates that about 2,000 students will leave this year's courses with worthwhile experience. Some will have certificates from sporting bodies and all who have completed courses successfully will be given certificates for their National Record of Achievement.

> For the teenagers of Tower Hamlets, the alternatives too often are to stay in bed or walk the streets

This year's courses are based on last year's pilot scheme and a survey of 14 to 16-year-olds in the borough. This showed that 93 per cent of those who replied wanted help with GCSE and A-level courses, 64 per cent expressed a keen interest in modern languages and around 45 per cent wanted courses in fashion and sport. To meet these preferences, the Summer University is offering study skills in humanities, science, maths and computers and courses in French, German and Spanish.

All the courses are offered free, with minimal charges for watersports and some travel costs for the residential courses. Two weeks in Berlin, for example, for 20 language students will cost £25 each plus spending money. The project is supported by Tower Hamlets Council and various European agencies, but has been guaranteed for three years by a £185,000 grant from the National Lottery.

One of the uncertainties is how many students will turn up. On Monday, the first day of the course, the attendance was about 75 per cent, which Mr Holloway describes as good. Some will drop out, but others will join in, so there is likely to be an overall gain.

The Tower Hamlets team have been working with Birmingham City Council, which also opened its University of the First Age this week, an idea of its chief education officer, Tim Brighouse.

In Birmingham, about 300 pupils aged 11 to 12 will take part in week-long projects in subjects including maths, science, technology, French, Spanish and Urdu. It is intended that by 2001, all secondary school pupils in Birmingham will belong to two linked institutions, their mainstream school and the University of the First Age, which will offer intensive, mixed age courses.

Both schemes are aimed at helping children and young people to get the best out of their schooling, to become actively involved in learning and, above all, to enjoy it. For the teenagers of Tower Hamlets, the alternatives, only too often, are to stay in bed or aimlessly walk the streets.

# How we see, hear and feel words

## Methods of teaching dyslexics to read can be used for every child

Growing numbers of teachers are adopting a traditional method of teaching reading which is based on a multi-sensory system devised to help dyslexic children. Pupils taught in this way in a school in Wandsworth, south London, have reading ages of six months to a year in advance of their chronological age.

The system, devised at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, in the early 1980s, harks back to some of the approaches of the 1930s. More than 500 teachers from across Britain have studied the method at Hornsby House School, founded by Dr Beve Hornsby, the psychologist and speech therapist.

Professor Colin Terrell, an educational psychologist at Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education, which established a year-long distance learning course with Hornsby House, is convinced that the traditional methods are successful in raising standards. "They reinforce young children's understanding that words are made up of individual sounds. Having grasped that fact, they are then able to decode new words when they see them," Professor Terrell says.

Dr Hornsby devised a system based on phonics, learning individual constituent sounds of words, which is designed to follow closely the patterns of speech development. Children learn the sound of each letter before linking the letters to build up words. And as it is a multisensory approach involving the aural, visual and tactile senses, pupils hear, see and feel the words.

For example, after hearing the teacher pronounce the letters C A T and then the word cat, they repeat what they hear. They then write the letters, read what they have written and finally close their eyes and trace the word in the air to memorise it. Pupils gradually move on to more difficult combinations of letters, such as SH as in sheep, and play word games to recognise sounds. Given suffixes such as AP or OUGHT they expand their vocabulary by adding letters to form words like cap and map or fought and sought.

This approach, however, is not only about teaching reading. For as pupils write words, they learn to spell them. "Reading, writing and spelling are inter-related activities. Our aim is to equip pupils to master written English," Professor Terrell says.

Hornsby House School was established to prove that the multisensory approach works. The school has also shown that dyslexic pupils can be successfully taught alongside normal pupils using this method.

"Some 10 per cent of pupils are thought to be dyslexic," Professor Terrell says. "This way we can keep them in normal classes instead of labelling them as having special needs."

Other beneficiaries, according to Hornsby House, are eight to ten-year-olds who had failed to learn to read properly when taught by modern methods in infancy. After switching to multisensory teaching, with its traditional phonics, they catch up fast.

> As pupils write words, they learn to spell them

The distance-learning course for practising teachers has attracted trainees mainly from British schools, but groups in Malta, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Barbados and Cyprus are also showing interest. The course comprises 30 hours of practical tuition, and observation sessions.

After the initial emphasis on in-service training, Professor Terrell is developing a Master of Education course at Cheltenham and Gloucester College for teachers of special needs children. It begins this autumn and the hope is that multisensory teaching will be introduced for all students entering teacher training.

IOLA SMITH

**Susan Elkin** explains how boarding school pupils from overseas are provided with British 'parents'

# A long way from home, but close to the family

The old all-encompassing expression "parents and guardians" takes on a whole new meaning in boarding education. If you are, say, a Japanese or Taiwanese pupil in an English boarding school, your parents are not exactly on hand to stay with during half-terms and holidays, visit you at weekends or drop in at school events.

It could be pretty bleak. The reason it is not is that almost every overseas boarding student is carefully assigned to a British-based couple and their family who act as on-the-spot guardians.

Yumiko Terai, 17, is a year-ten GSCE pupil at St James and the Abbey School at Malvern in Hereford and Worcester. She is about as far from her home, near Osaka in Japan, as she could be, but her British guardians live only a few miles away at Upton.

"I'm very happy with them," says Yumiko. "I get on really well with the youngest daughter who is about my age. I often go out with her and her friends."

So how are families who want to be guardians successfully teamed up with those who need them? If the family has friends or relations in Britain they probably make their own arrangements. But most parents who choose to send their children abroad for what they clearly regard as the best education, have no international contacts. Guardianship partnerships have therefore to be set up by the schools and/or companies, such as Gabbitas Educational Consultants.

St James and the Abbey, a girls' school with 200 pupils of whom about 5 per cent are currently from Japan, advertises locally for guardians. "Parish magazines and local newspapers are a good way of reaching the right people," says the headmistress, Elizabeth Mullenger. "We also use staff networking. Most of our guardians live close by, so they can pop in very readily."

Once a potential guardian has emerged, someone from St James visits the home "to see if the atmosphere is relaxed enough to absorb an overseas child". Miss Mullenger works closely with Sarah Studdert Kennedy, head of guardianship at Gabbitas, who has about 120 overseas students in guardianship and seems to know each one and every guardian personally.

Elspeth Patterson — not her real name because she asked for anonymity — was selected by Gabbitas. She and her husband, who have two children of their own, have been guardians for eight years. They are in the process of seeing four members of one Taiwanese family through English boarding education. Girls of 16 and 15 are at senior schools while their nine-year-old brother has recently started prep school. An older sister is at Sheffield University and although, now that she's of age, the Pattersons are no longer technically her guardians, she keeps in touch and is still very much part of the family.

"We take them to the airport and see them off when they go home," says Mrs Patterson. "We also sort out school uniform and bring them home for short breaks."

There is another benefit too. Ayao Misawa, 17, who is studying art, technology and Japanese for A level at St James and the Abbey, comes from Tokyo. As well as valuing the acquisition of some quasi siblings — she's an only child — she finds academic advantage in being part of her guardians' family. "They know how to help me with my A levels because they're British and understand the system in a way my parents never could," she says.

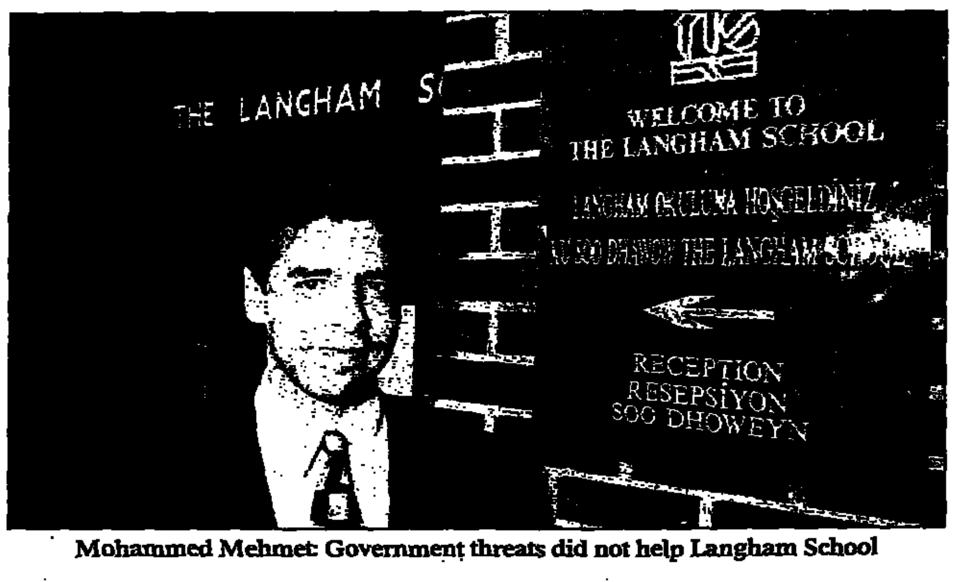
Guardianship is also an unsung aspect of positive international networking and multi-cultural awareness: "We've loved learning so much about eastern culture and getting to know these Taiwanese children really well as they've got older. It's an extraordinarily positive experience," says Mrs Patterson.

That dedication and commitment, unsullied by financial gain, is evidently crucial. As Miss Mullenger says: "It is essential that people don't go into guardianship for money. That's not the way to attract the best people."

That is why couples such as the Pattersons receive only their expenses and a tiny allowance. The rewards apparently lie in the satisfaction of doing a worthwhile job well.

# Hands off our school!

**Mohammed Mehmet** on why education associations don't work



Mohammed Mehmet: Government threats did not help Langham School

On May 9, I read in *The Times* that Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, was "minded" to transfer the Langham School, of which I am chair of the governors, to an education association (EA).

It was a devastating blow to Langham, a comprehensive school serving a multicultural area in Tottenham, north London. An EA is a government-appointed group of business and education experts with a mission to kill or cure a failing school. It has been used only once before, when it recommended closing Hackney Downs School last year.

Two months later Mrs Shephard changed her mind about Langham, commending the governors for their sense of purpose and direction, and acknowledging the many improvements since 1995.

Pupils had been failed by the school for years. It was the pressure from Ofsted, the school inspection agency, and in February 1995 its judgment that the school was failing, which gave the impetus for a root-and-branch programme of change. The governing body — many of us new governors — welcomed the report, seeing it as the opportunity for transforming the school.

From my experience as a senior education officer, Ofsted inspections and the agency's regular monitoring are usually effective in securing improvement. They give governors the support they need to keep the pressure on, and demand urgency from a local education authority (LEA). This healthy tension is helping to raise standards in many schools in Haringey where I live, and Hackney where I work.

The governors at Langham acted even before the report was published, suspending the head and a deputy. With LEA support, we put new managers in place. A detailed, two-year action plan in March 1995 was approved by Ofsted and by the Department for Education and Employment.

By any objective measurement, Langham is now an improving school. For example, this year's national tests for 14-year-olds show significant improvement in the core subjects of English, maths and science, and 91 per cent of the year group took GCSEs this summer, compared to 80 per cent in 1995. The school's financial future is secured and our roll is up by 7 per cent. Every teacher has been observed and received detailed feedback.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the school and its community vigorously opposed the takeover proposal.

Some would argue that, after the closure of Hackney Downs, the Government was keen to demonstrate that education associations were capable of improving schools, as well as shutting them. Therefore the easy option would be to take over a school which was already improving, though not in the public's perception. Langham school seemed to fit this bill.

From May 9 the Department for Education and Employment behaved almost as if the education association was a foregone conclusion. For example, it advised us not to go ahead with the appointment of our new head and deputy head. The governing body ignored the advice and appointed two excellent managers. Had we listened, the school would have been without a head until at least next January.

On July 18, Mrs Shephard made the right decision and recognised the effective work of the governing body. Her announcement on May 9 was an error and it damaged the school. It caused a number of good applicants to withdraw from key teacher vacancies.

Time and effort by governors and senior school staff was spent on maintaining morale, and writing submissions for Mrs Shephard — effort which should have been spent implementing the action plan to revitalise the school.

The real lesson of Langham is that education associations are not appropriate and will be resisted where a partnership of governors, parents, staff, LEA officers and Ofsted is clearly working.

The Government should encourage this partnership to develop and follow a tough, determined programme of change and improvement. One irony is that the initial threat of an EA can help to bring about such a partnership. But carrying out the threat once the partnership is working makes no sense.

It seems to me that government intervention is necessary only in cases where there is no local strategy and political will to tackle a "failing" school. But even here, there must always be clear educational grounds. These need to be set out in advance if EAs are to have any credibility.

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# Philip Howard

## ■ What's the good of being a lord if you can't run riot?

Althorp and Blandford. Marlb'rough and proud Moynihan,
And Baron Brocket of the wandering cars.
And Angus Charley Drogo Montagu.
Baron Montagu and Viscount Mandeville,
Twelfth Duke of Manchester, in durance vile,
Across th'Atlantic beyond Prospero's Isle.
Where would we be without our peccant Peers.
Who could be players in *Lords' Labours Lost*
Or *Peer for Peer, The Comedy of Earls*?
But why when one of you gets done
For fraud and drugs, or drinking like a lord.
For bigamy, bastardy, and bawdry in a stew —
Or massage parlour as we call it now.
In mealy-mouthed days of euphemism —
Or marries for the twenty-seventh time.
Do all our news-sheets headline you "rogue peers"?

As though your roguery were exceptional. "Rogue peer" is a tautology. The point of peers is that they should be rogues, and do the things that excite the rest of us.

A peer refreshes the excesses that other mortals cannot reach. Shakespeare knew his nobs when he put Sir John Falstaff in Mistress Quickly's Boar's Head Massage Parlour in Eastcheap. The stately peers of England have been aristocrats for degenerations. The pages of *Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage, and Companionage* may look as disjointed as a railway timetable after privatisation, but those family histories condense a more dreadful record of sin, bigamy, bastardy, banditry and bad behaviour than a town full of respectable bourgeois. Those who can trace their family-tree back to when the family used to live in one have a history of piracy under the Normans, plunder of church property under the Tudors, a mistress of Charles II as an ancestor, and purchase of honours from James I to Lloyd George and Tory funds. It is traditional that some of Harold Wilson's life peers from the lavender honours lists ended up in jug. They were doing what a peer has to do.

*Droit de seigneur* may be harder to trace in fact than in *The Marriage of Figaro*, but it represents the popular myth of lordly immorality. In France, bad behaviour by the aristocracy led to their replacement by a new lot of Napoleonic aristos. Remember the slow-burning rage of La Bruyère's description of the peasants in France in the reign of Louis XIV? These wild animals, males and females, stretched out in the fields, black, livid and burnt by the sun. Attached to the soil, which they dig and turn over with invincible stubbornness. They have something like a voice, and when they stand up, they have a human face. Then (the sting in the tail): *et en effet, ils sont des hommes!*

In France they guillotined their aristos. In England, with native irony, we make use of them for entertainment. From Victorian melodrama, with bold, bad baronets twirling their moustaches, through to Ayckbourn, the peccant peer is an archetype of romance. *Pamela*, which is one of the (many) candidates for matriarch of the modern novel, runs on this stock plot of aristo trying to have his wicked way with an unsophisticated 15-year-old, as if such a maiden ever existed: "O preserve me, heaven, from his power, and from his wickedness!"

In Wodehouse's Never-Never Land, the peccant peer plays a recurrent cameo part. It is true that Clarence, the Ninth Earl of Emsworth, is pig-obsessed rather than a rogue. But consider Sir Gregory Parsloe-Parsloe of Matchingham Hall, who will perform any villainy to win the silver medal for his giant pig, Pride of Matchingham. Roderick Spode is ennobled as Baron Sidcup, and he is leader of the fascist Black Shorts. Lord Worplesdon, married to Aunt Agatha, is not always a bad egg. But Bertie judges that given the choice of a Worplesdon or a hippogriff as a walking companion, the hippogriff wins every time. The Earl of Blicester, guardian of Freddie Widgeon, is still a wealthy peer, but moths have nested for years in his wallet. He won the Fat Uncles competition at the Drones Club. Sir Watkyn Basset, Bart, trousers the fines he imposes at Bosher Street Magistrates' Court. The Duke of Dunstable descends on the country homes of his pals, inviting himself for long periods. Few coots could have less hair, and any walrus would be proud of the moustache through which he strains his soup.

Lord Moynihan saw himself as "the typical English gentleman". In the High Court, Sir Stephen Brown described him as "a thoroughly dishonest rogue". Both right. He was that source of amusement in the comedy of manners, the rogue peer.

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**Clive Aslet** describes the desperate plight of the beef and dairy industry after yesterday's news

# So the ministry of madness strikes again

Yesterday, as Britain's beef and dairy farmers sat down to the evening news, they heard one of their worst fears realised. Until then, it seemed possible that cattle could only contract the brain disease BSE by eating feed containing the ground up remains of sheep and other cattle. This idea was supported by the dramatic fall in the incidence of BSE after the feed was banned. But the ban should, in theory, have eliminated BSE completely from British herds. In fact, cases continue to occur at a rate of almost 200 a week.

Officials tried hard to find explanations which supported the original hypothesis, though they never sounded very convincing. One heard that tests at government research stations, to be completed at the end of this year, were expected to indicate that BSE could not be transmitted vertically, from mother cow to calf. Farmers now know that this hope was unfounded. In a very small number of cases, vertical transmission does seem to be taking place.

The findings are provisional, but they could have devastating consequences. They make nonsense of the Government's policy of culling older cattle as a means of exterminating BSE. If BSE is to be stamped out, the cull will have to extend to the progeny of all diseased cattle. Already, before yesterday's announcement, the Government had accepted that its slaughter policy would kill 50 healthy animals for every one that was infected. This was an appalling and tragic waste. Now it is possible that far greater numbers of cattle will have to be sacrificed.

Some farmers have already gone to the wall over BSE. Very few if any new cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in young people — with which there may conceivably be a link with BSE — have appeared since the spring. So it may yet be that more deaths will result from farmers committing suicide than from children eating hamburgers. On the other hand, some farmers have already taken such a battering that they will barely notice the latest burden. Alan Bartletts, the chairman of the Somerset branch of the National Farmers Union, consoles himself with the thought that only 1 per cent of calves born to BSE-infected cows will have contracted BSE from their mothers. This, he points out, is a very small number — not to be confused with 1 per cent of the national herd.

The ghastly prospect that it may be possible for BSE to be transmitted through milk is quashed by the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee's report. While the scientists do not believe that BSE is passed from cow to calf through blood, they equally assure us that milk is safe. "In commercial dairy herds where the bulk of BSE cases arise, calves do not receive their mothers' milk except for the first few days of life, when they receive the special milk produced at that time called colostrum. Colostrum is different in nature from ordinary milk and is not sold for human consumption." These words will be cherished not just by farmers, but cheesemakers, chocolate makers and the makers of a host of processed foods. They should avert the Government's ultimate nightmare of the slaughter of the whole of the British dairy herd.

Even so, the ministry's stock has never been so low among the farmers who are part of its supposed constituency. Last week, the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, led his entire team of ministers to the Game Fair, in Lincolnshire, his object clearly being to demonstrate the ministry's presence in the countryside. Mr Hogg made a vigorous defence of country sports. Anyone who saw him — looking, as someone said, "as grey as a corpse and lolling like a rag doll" — cannot doubt the strain he has been under. Most country people think someone must pay the price of a decade of incompetence in the ministry. That someone is Mr Hogg.

The manner of yesterday's announcement was unfortunate. Parliament was not sitting, and it happened that the Chief Veterinary Officer was scheduled to attend a meeting of the European vets. Consequently the news was made by press release. Why did Mr Hogg and others not make themselves immediately available to answer questions? The episode recalled the disastrous announcement of the original findings about a possible link between BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Then the scientists had not troubled to warn ministers of the likely outcome of their deliberations. No contingency plans were in place.

The impression of incompetence — by officials if not by ministers — was confirmed by the manner of introducing the slaughter policy. Endless mistakes showed that the ministry, despite being dedicated to a single industry, did not understand how beef and dairy farming operate. Rationalisation has deprived the ministry of its farm advisory service, where practical experience was concentrated. It is the chaos of the slaughter policy, only partially mitigated since April, that really distresses farmers such as Mr Bartletts.

The largest measure of blame may lie not with Douglas Hogg, but even higher in the Government. The Prime Minister identified his objective in typically political terms. This is to get the European Union's worldwide ban on British exports lifted as soon as possible. He ignores the uncomfortable reality, which is that even if the EU were to relax the ban, most other countries would maintain their own bans, which have also been imposed. There would be no one to take the meat, even if we were allowed to export it.

In Florence, the Prime Minister pledged to sacrifice an even greater number of cattle to achieve the "framework" by which the ban might be lifted. In supplication to the Euro-sceptics within his party, he even expressed the hope that the conditions for recommencing exports of British beef would be met by October. There was never any possibility of reaching that target, and he must have known it.

Before yesterday's announcement, Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, said that he believed it would be five years before the ban was lifted. Now that period could be doubled. What farmers need to see is leadership to restructure their industry. Rather than squandering billions of pounds on the slaughtering of cattle to fulfil political objectives, it would be better to set in train policies that would, in five or ten years' time, restore the prestige of Britain's beef and dairy industries, making them the best in the world.

At present, Britain's farmers are in limbo. Parliament's summer recess means that they must wait until October before they find out about the new rules for tracing the "cohorts" of BSE-infected cattle. They need to know the worst now. They need to plan. Then they must be given the confidence to rebuild their shattered businesses.

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# Tampering with justice

## Who did what with whose balls should not be a matter for the High Court

### Bernard Levin

In the matter of Ian Botham, Imran Khan and Allan Lamb, I propose to start not at the beginning, nor at the end, but in a somewhat recondite position, viz., the words used by the head lawyers in the case.

Now, now: I know in the past I have frequently said unkind words about the lawyers — but what I am about to say now is perfectly sincere, though the lawyers may say that it is still just lawyer-bashing. I truly mean it, with no sneering or jeering.

I want to know, truly know, how the head lawyers in a case such as the Botham/Lamb/Imran imbroglio, can keep a straight face as they pour out their clients' woes or joys or *vice versa* (and frequently both).

Let me give first one tiny example: it comes from the mouth of George Carman, QC, and you can't get a better lawyer than *that*. Hear this passage.

> *Mr Carman said:* "What you said about Pakistan was that it was where you would like to send your mother-in-law for a month, all expenses paid."
>
> *Botham replied:* "No, I said for two weeks."
>
> *When the laughter died down, Mr Carman went on:* "That was a disgracefully offensive observation to the people and cricketers of Pakistan, wasn't it?"

And the answer, of course, no it wasn't, you breathtaking lawyer, and everyone in the court knew it. But I am not challenging Mr Carman: I wouldn't be such a fool as to try it on him. I am saying what I said at the beginning: how does a leading silk keep his face rigid when he has to stand on his head and wiggle his feet into the bargain, for nothing but a lousy half million smackers an hour, day and night, plus that lovely word — refresher.

*But I am not jeering at Mr Carman.* If parcels of boobies want to throw millions of pounds into the nearest dustbin, Mr Carman has the right to use his gigantic talents to point out where the dustbins stand. After all, this money, which is now being piled up in a dozen Everests, is not coming from my account or yours, and if you want to see the fun directly, you can go to the Law Courts — anyone can go, and it's free — and marvel that one crowded room can hold so many bloody fools, and that so many gowned figures go home lurching because their pockets are weighed down with the sponduliks.

To start with, we are not discussing matters of state, let alone important figures. We are talking about a handful of — er — players, whose only significance is that they are or were good at knocking balls about. (Imran, I am told, is some kind of uppity figure in Pakistan, but as far as I know, his actual talent is with the said balls.)

Now anyone who comes to this story fresh would rock with laughter or anger or both. For here are three grown men behaving like spoilt children whose fathers did not use the strap frequently enough.

Take the first bit of nonsense. Somebody in this rubbish has — or has thought he has — been offended by being called "racist" and somebody else (or the same person) has "lacked class". Others, it is said, have (or have not) smoked marijuana, once upon a time, and yet others have claimed that they (with others saying the opposite) have done something wicked with their balls.

This pitiful nonsense has gone on and on for a fortnight, with nobody prepared to grab a handful of sense and shake it until someone points out that the shenanigans in the story would shame a drunken beggar.

Here is a pointed finger, no matter who is doing the pointing. The talk was of cricket balls being tampered with. Did the heavens fall? Were the police called? Has anyone painted RIP on the gates of Lords? If not, why not? For you see, some say the ball was tampered with and others said it wasn't, and in any case if it *was* tampered with, the tampering was a rather special version, in which the shape of the ball was altered, *but not its condition*.

Yes, grown-up men have been doing such things. And not only do they do such things, they get their bovine faces in the newspapers — yes, *this* newspaper, inches high. And try this: "Ian Botham told the High Court [and why didn't the High Court pour a bucket of ordure over him, eh?] that he had rejected Imran Khan's proposal to settle their dispute with a letter to *The Times*, because he didn't regard it as an apology.

And this has been going on for a fortnight, whereas if little children had had the reins, this disgusting business — yes it *is* disgusting — would have been over in half an hour with perhaps a glass of Ovaltine.

Now we learn that Imran "had never used the word 'cheat' against anyone but himself" (how twee!), but he admitted that he had once, in 1981, used a bottle top to tamper with the ball in order to clarify the demarcation between "cheating and common practice". (That's 15 years ago — this guy has got one hell of a memory.)

But let me come back to where I started, viz., the duo known (by me at least), Messrs Carman and Gray. Sticking my nose in a bit further, I wonder whether the two are bosom pals or hate each other. It wouldn't mean anything — no, I have never asked a barrister how he could fight for one side on Monday and fight for the other side on Tuesday — but out of sheer inquisitiveness I would like to know. At least, if Carman is the tops, Gray must be called the runner-up. But there go both together, shovelling in the money from the fools who go to court. And fools they certainly are. There are many honourable lawyers who try to head-off the eager plaintiff, knowing that the plaintiff's cause is hopeless, and there are many plaintiffs who insist that they must go on with the case, only to go bust in the end. Who said "A fool and his money are soon parted"?

I would love to know what the judge thinks when such stuff lands on his bench. Take the very case we have been talking about. Presumably the judge cannot tell the entire lot to go home and boil their heads for a turnip? But, oh, if he is a case-hardened justicer, how he would despise every single person in this pestiferous nonsense.

Let me come back for a moment to Messrs Carman and Gray. They won't tell us, but I would love to know this too: if a really well-heeled fool arrives at his desk, does he have even a twinge of conscience?

But that leads to the most remarkable part of this business. How, and indeed why, did we get so extraordinary a legal system — a system, that is, that matches the gladiators of the Ancient Romans? Don't you think it is strange — strange to the point of absurdity?

Hark. Two men or women — *only* two — stand up, in turn, and try to bemuse the 12 men and women who are called the jury. (For me, the jury system, is the greatest and most profoundly necessary part of our legal system.) Stop for a moment and think how peculiar it is that our system turns on just two men or women: the two simply stand up and argue. One of those two, or even both, could be ill, mad, drunk, stupid, deaf, bribed (though that is rare), or any of those together. But the whole system swings on the greater eloquence of one of two persons. Is that not very peculiar? And I would go further — I think it is, or certainly could be — dangerous.

No, Carman, QC, and Gray, ditto, are not going to organise a *putsch*, overthrow the Royal Family and drive the Cabinet out of the country. (Though perhaps . . .) There are, of course, checks and balances, notably the ones I pointed out a few paragraphs back. But then I am coming back to the horrible mess with which this business started. Yes, I agree, these people were using their own or others' money, but they were not using ours. So why should I get hot under the collar? Because, although the collar is not mine, and I would not touch it with tweezers, we make our legal system a little bit more absurd when these idiocies take place.

Anyway, neither Carman, QC, nor Gray, ditto, is going to beg his bread in the gutter, and even if they have to, they could rely on me for a slice of cake.

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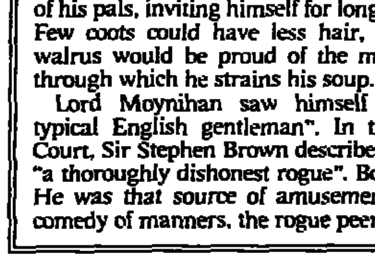
# Palace pink

FLAMINGOS are to be shipped in to Buckingham Palace, replacing the eight savagely butchered by an urban fox in February.

A mission has already travelled up from the Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetland Trust, Gloucestershire, to inspect the lake at the Palace and advise on security for the creatures. The murderous fox, which skidded across a frozen lake to tear into the helpless fowl, was never captured. Residents of Victoria, however, found pink feathers strewn across their gardens for days afterwards.



Pretty flamingos

Until the massacre, the Queen's flamingos were a welcome conversational gambit at royal garden parties. "We have suggested predatory proof fencing before the Queen buys any more," says an aviculturist at Slimbridge.

The twitchers advise that Her Majesty invest in a flock of Chilean birds, at just £1,200 each. They can easily be kept a Cartland pink with a simple diet of Dutch cockles and shrimps.

The Queen will not, however, be buying the birds until after their noisy autumn mating season.

## Down a bomb

POISONED umbrellas went clattering to the floor at MI5 HQ in central London the other day as Martin McGuinness, chairman of Sinn Fein, came ambling through the door.

"What's he doing here?" hissed an official into the marble silence. Feeling the chilly stares, McGuinness's entourage processed to the reception desk and asked to be sent up to see a Labour MP.

After blank looks from the receptionists and some low Irish murmurs down the telephone, the group bustled out to look at the name plate outside. Their mistake. They had intended to go several doors further along, to a block of parliamentary offices.

A tickled Republican explained McGuinness's casual demeanour as he strode into the lion's den: "He didn't know where he was. I don't know if MI5 went bright red or very white and shaky when they realised who he was."

● *Journalists attending this year's Labour Party Conference in Blackpool have found a bizarre new section on their application forms for press passes. They are required to send in their car registration numbers — even if they are not taking their cars to the conference. "For the first time, the police have insisted on us having the same levels of security as the Conservatives this year," explains a Labour official, smugly.*

## Cakewalk

DEBUTANTES are torn over the future of the cake at the Queen Charlotte's Ball. Traditionally, the debs have tottered down a grand stairway in their white frocks and heels before curtseying to a colossal 6ft cake. For the giant pastry symbolises royalty.

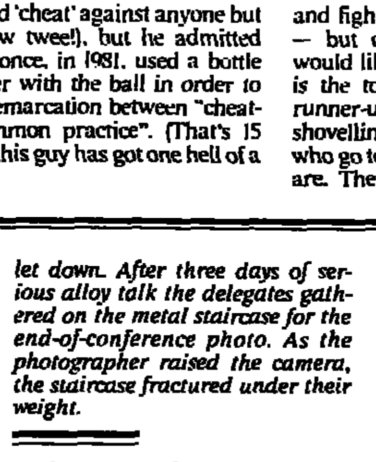
In the latest edition of *Hello!* magazine, however, the Countess of St Andrews, the new chairman of the Queen Charlotte's Hospital Appeal, declares her intention to "emphasise the hospital and the research, and not be sidetracked by cakes". Viz: there will be no overgrown confection in future.

One who is not sorry to see the cake go is Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, whose own coming out was marred by her brother, the Earl of Lichfield, dropping mice on parachutes onto the passing debs. "I don't think today's debs will miss it at all," she says. "I found it completely ridiculous."

● *Metallurgists attending a recent convention at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, were sorely let down. After three days of serious alloy talk the delegates gathered on the metal staircase for the end-of-conference photo. As the photographer raised the camera, the staircase fractured under their weight.*

## Fives alive

IT IS with Britain's unimpressive Olympic medal tally in mind that the Diary launches its campaign for the introduction of more British sports into the Games. If the Americans can have beach volleyball and mountain biking, roll on Olympic Eton Fives.



"Too much Olympics"

Invented when two boys began whacking a ball between the buttresses of Eton College chapel, the game requires skill, fitness and snake-like cunning. Prominent players have included Lord Kingsdown, former Governor of the Bank of England, and the Marquess of Bath, known as Twitter at school. Prince William, a left-hander, is useful from the back of the court.

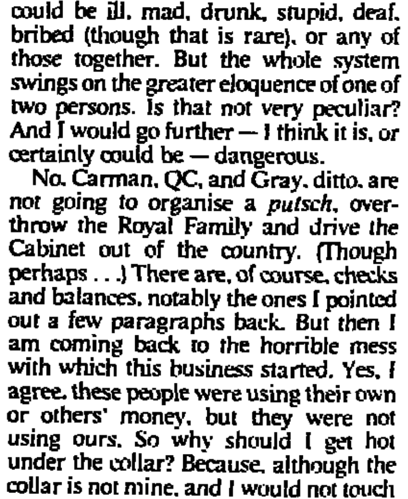
"For some reason it is very popular in Nigeria," says John Reynolds, 11 times World Eton Fives Champion. "There are new courts in Geneva and some in Nepal and Argentina. I used to fantasise about playing in the Olympics but it never happened."

Tomorrow, shove ha'penny.

## Stone me

JUST a year after the last Rolling Stones tour, Mick Jagger is keen to ride again. He is said to want to hit those few deprived corners of the world yet to feel the hot blast of the greatest rock band on earth.

Until the other members rally round, however, the 53-year-old grandpa and still agile hipswinger is turning his energies to moviemaking with films about Che Guevara and Dylan Thomas already planned.



Flashing back: Jagger

Earlier this year, I reported that he is producing the movie of Robert Harris's novel *Enigma*. Next up is a spy thriller about Guevara and his love for an East German spy.

After that comes a bio-pic of Dylan Thomas. "He's very keen to develop his movie career," says an insider. "But he is determined to walk before he can run. He just does like to work."

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# A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE

## Ministers are increasingly incredible over BSE

The announcement that BSE can, after all, be passed from cow to calf indicates that this Government still has not learnt how to handle the delicate matter of restoring confidence in British beef. Over four months ago Steven Dorrell, the Health Secretary, alarmed the public and distressed farmers with his maladroit presentation of new evidence which pointed to a link between BSE in cows and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Mr Dorrell's clumsy announcement provoked a public health panic whose consequences still haunt our countryside. Now Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, has again released complex and worrying scientific information in a manner bound to maximise concern. The credibility of this Administration has suffered another blow and it is a mercy for ministers that the Commons is not in session to give them the roasting they deserve.

The Ministry of Agriculture maintains that settled scientific opinion insists there is no new health risk as a result of this announcement. But the Government's BSE record suggests that today's settled scientific opinion can become tomorrow's discredited bromide. In 1988 the Government maintained that BSE could not be passed from cattle to humans. In 1989 the Government's scientists said the disease could not be passed from cow to calf. Both confident assertions have now been contradicted.

Mr Hogg's admission yesterday came only two weeks after public confidence in farming was further shaken when it was revealed that BSE could affect sheep. Before then ministers had doubted that the disease could spread in this fashion. The history of ministerial management of BSE is of complacency and casualness. No wonder the public's capacity to take them seriously has taken a battering.

The manner of yesterday's announcement by the Ministry of Agriculture certainly does not suggest a department confident in its conclusions. A private briefing and a bald press release with ministers fugitive for much of the day does not inspire faith. Neither does the content of the ministry's statement. Experiments suggest that BSE is passed from infected cows to calves in 10 per cent of cases. The Ministry argue the risk of transmission is, after adjustment, only 1 per cent. The Ministry may be right, but playing down risks and hoping for the best is not the way to restore confidence.

Consumer confidence, in this country and especially across Europe, has shown itself a fragile thing. Although the evidence may suggest that there is no new risk to human health the damage has already been done to hopes of an early lift to the ban on British beef exports. The political capital expended during the beef war bought little. Those gains are set at even less after yesterday.

Political reputations may fall further but ministers, by their mishandling of matters, are the authors of their own misfortune. The largely innocent victims of yesterday's debacle will be the farmers. The slaughter plan which compelled them to cull so many of their livestock looks certain to be extended. It is hard for farmers to face the early death of animals in whom they have invested so much, financially and emotionally. Even if the cull is extended there is little prospect of guaranteeing the eradication of the disease if it can pass from cow to calf. Farmers could face the prospect of the disease lingering in the cow population for years to come, and with it doubts, however unjustified, about British beef. Quality produce has been undermined by ill-qualified ministers. A price will have to be paid.

# END OF THE NEW DEAL

## Clinton has trumped Bob Dole's last ace

Sixty-one years after F. D. Roosevelt promised the America of the Great Depression a New Deal, President Clinton is poised to sign into law a radical Bill to reform the American welfare system. Both supporters and critics of the Bill, which is essentially of Republican design, claim that it will assign to history not only the great web of federally-guaranteed aid to the poor, but the social contract at the heart of New Deal liberalism.

The electoral calculation behind Mr Clinton's decision is obvious. He fought and won the 1992 election as a New Democrat who had distanced himself from his party's big-spending liberal wing. Nothing so clearly defined the profile he then presented to voters — and in particular to suburban white Americans worried about their taxes — as his pledge of "an end to welfare as we know it". Having vetoed two earlier drafts of this legislation, a third veto would have laid the President wide open to Republican taunts that behind the reforming façade was just another untrustworthy, unreconstructed liberal Democrat. By promising to sign it, he trumps Senator Bob Dole's ace.

Whatever the politics involved, the decision is the right one. Whatever claims can be made for America's nationalised welfare system, it has undoubtedly fostered welfare dependency; it has demonstrably failed to get rid of acute poverty; and public support for open-ended welfare payments has long ago evaporated. The Bill's main provisions — to require the able-bodied to return to work after two years on benefit, to limit lifetime welfare assistance to five years per family, and to shift authority over welfare spending from Washington to state capitals — have solid bipartisan support.

The Bill does not, however, merely decentralise decisions about eligibility and management, through the introduction of federal block grants to states. It will also cut the federal bill, by $55 billion over six years. This will not automatically, as liberal Democrats allege, "throw a million into poverty"; but states will have to make up the shortfall in federal grant, or scale back their programmes. State taxes are highly devolved to local level, and taxpayers in affluent suburbs may prove no readier to pay higher state taxes to help the inner city poor in their own state than they are to fund a federal programme. The Bill deserves to be given a chance to work; but it is, deliberately, patchy in design and it could be even patchier in implementation.

Mr Clinton will be well satisfied to have forced the Republicans to share the credit for a popular reform. But with this Bill, he also buries a once hugely influential part of the Democratic Party, the broad coalition of unionised labour, urban blacks, northern liberals and parts of the business community that supported big government in the name of social justice.

The funeral wake could be stormy, splitting next month's Democratic Convention, if the vote in the House of Representatives is anything to go by; 98 Democrats voted for, and 98 against. The split could even affect turn-out. Mr Clinton's promise, if re-elected, to repeal clauses which have caused most anger among Democrat activists, including the exclusion of legal immigrants from benefits, may not appease the local teams who run get-out-the-vote operations. Mr Clinton knows, however, that the Right now makes the political running in America. Mr Clinton won in 1992 by convincing voters that he was ready to redraw the boundaries of the State. To win in 1996, he had to provide concrete proof that he was ready to face down the battalions of tradition in his party. This he has now done.

# A TALE OF TWO SUMMERS

## Nothing compares with the unique British seaside experience

A hundred summers ago Queen Victoria celebrated her diamond jubilee with a conference of prime ministers from all her colonies. The Colonial Secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, declared that the Empire must unite if it was to survive the growing power of continental rivals. At Bexhill Lord de la Warre's XI beat the touring Australians. A newspaper entitled the *Daily Mail* began publication: its competitors expressed doubts about whether there was a niche in the market for it. And at Eastbourne, Susanna Barratt and her 18-year-old daughter Sarah opened a boarding house for the booming British summer holiday trade.

Today Queen Victoria's great-great-grand-daughter sits on the throne. The British Empire is one with Nineveh and Tyre. No English XI is likely to beat the Australians at Bexhill, or elsewhere. But, as we report on page 6, the Barratt's York House Hotel in Eastbourne is still in business, having been owned and managed by the same family for a century. No other hotel has come forward to claim such continuity, so it is celebrating its centenary of the great British summer holiday alone.

In August 1896 the price of dinner, bed and breakfast for one for a week in the York House Hotel was £1 8 shillings. This August it is £252. The great-grandson of the founding matriarch who manages the hotel wishes to halt such rampant inflation. And there have been changes in other things than the tariff. Running hot water has been installed, and television. In 1896 the first Olympic Games of the modern era were being held in Athens, mercifully without television. In 1996 guests at York House are glued to Atlanta. In 1896 fresh sea water was carried upstairs for bracing baths, and guests scandalised Victorian prudery with their bathing costumes on the parade.

Empires and dynasties pass, and the pound in the holidaymaker's pocket dwindles. But the York House Hotel is a breakwater of continuity in a surging world. From Eastbourne to Sidmouth, and from Whitby to Frinton, such comfortable seaside establishments offer the attractions of bracing bucket-and-spade escape with respectability, cream teas and a piano tinkling old tunes in the ballroom.All are part of the great British seaside heritage.

Britons have gone after the sunburn and hot sands of the Costa Brava, the Caribbean and Florida. Package tours have brought exotic oceans within the reach, purse and tourist-one-upmanship of most people. But in its annual report today the English Tourist Board shows that the great British seaside holiday is still booming after a century of change. Forget foreign temptations and alien ways. Those Barratts helped to create a peculiar British treasure in 1896. A century from now Britain will have changed in unpredictable and unimaginable ways. But come hail and high water, places such as the York House Hotel will still be plying their very British escapist trade.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Shephard's 'threat' to excellence of university research

*From Professor Graham Zellick*

Sir, You report (July 29) that Gillian Shephard is to put forward a plan to the Dearing committee on higher education funding for research funding to be concentrated in a "premier league" of universities. This comes as no surprise, since a small group of vice-chancellors has been berating ministers and officials for some time now with a beguiling argument, which runs as follows:

> Present funding levels imperil quality research across the whole higher-education sector; we shall soon have no research of international quality left; we know there is no extra government money, but if only ministers would ensure that all or most of the existing research money were concentrated in just a handful of institutions, then we could secure a group of internationally recognised research universities.

The argument is spurious. The higher education funding councils already distribute virtually all their funds for research on the basis of quality, and the additional funds from the research councils, charities, industry, the EU and other sources are also carefully judged and highly competitive.

Oxford and Cambridge lead the field in England by a wide margin with research funds from all sources exceeding £100 million. There is then a group of five universities whose total research income ranges from about £60 million to £90 million (Birmingham, Imperial, Leeds, Manchester and University College London).

Then come a group of eight with research funding from £40 million (Bristol, King's College London, Liverpool, Queen Mary and Westfield, Sheffield, Southampton, Nottingham and Newcastle).

Is it really Mrs Shephard's wish to divert research funds from these institutions in order to sustain the others? And what about Leicester, Sussex, Warwick and others which fall off this list because of size, and the many small, highly specialised institutions of international distinction?

The simple fact is that such a policy would destroy a whole range of research universities and would have only the most modest impact on those institutions at the top of the list.

The present research funding arrangements already reward the most successful and encourage them to grow bigger. They are rewarded financially for recruiting good staff from other universities but there is no evidence that the work done in these bigger departments is any better than what was being done in their previous institutions.

This Government's policies on student expansion coupled with reductions in unit funding already threaten the international standing and quality of our university system. This latest proposal suggests it is now bent on destroying the research status of most of Britain's research universities.

Some of us will resist this misguided and pernicious development at every opportunity.

Yours faithfully,
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July 29.

*From the Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge*

Sir, The national academies' group which studied the "Research Capability of the University System", which I chaired, did *not* support a "super league scheme" for British universities, as your report comes perilously close to implying. We were gravely concerned at the underfunding of the university system, not least for research; and in our view this would lead inevitably to a concentration of research funds in some university departments rather than others, based on the national assessments of research quality.

In short, we were particularly concerned to maintain the excellence of UK research measured against international standards, in whatever university it is to be found.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HARRISON,
The Master's Lodge,
Selwyn College, Cambridge.

*From Dr B. W. Manley, FEng*

Sir, While universities remain seriously underfunded it is indeed imperative only to reward excellence in research. However, that is assessed at the departmental level within universities, not at the level of the whole university.

One of the great advances of this Government was to remove the division between polytechnic and university and to provide a single funding structure that would reward excellence wherever it was present; for this same Government to propose returning to a two-tier system is perverse, and would lose all that has been gained on both sides of the divide. Some of our "new" universities do good research in particular sectors, sometimes not matched by many older universities. None is good at everything.

Excellence in research must be rewarded at a level of funding that will ensure that it is of a world class. There are two solutions. We could fund our university research at a level equivalent to that in Germany, Japan, France or the USA, where the national benefits that it brings are recognised. Or we must find ways of rationing what we have. The mechanism is already in place to do that through the four-yearly research assessment exercise; we do not need to invent super-universities in order to make the best of a bad job.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN MANLEY
(Senior Vice-President, Royal
Academy of Engineering, 1994-96),
Hopkins Crank, Ditchling Common,
Hassocks, Sussex.

*From the Principals of the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh*

Sir, In your report on plans for "a 'premier league' of British universities" you list eight top research spenders. In that list, however, you omit the two leading Scottish universities.

The latest available data (for 1994-95) show the universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow at 5th and 7th in the UK respectively, as gainers both of external research grants and contracts, and of research allocations from funding councils. Both our universities, therefore, must figure prominently in any elite cadre of British universities.

Yours sincerely,
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## Safety campaigning

*From Mr Tim Challis*

Sir, I must take issue with your obituary for James Tye, the Director General of the British Safety Council (July 24; also letters, July 25, 26).

As somebody who worked with Tye in the mid-1980s, and who co-authored a book with him a year or so later, I knew first-hand of his many failings. Equally, as his Chief Press Officer during this period, I am only too aware of the fact that he was an inveterate self-publicist.

However, to dismiss either Tye or the British Safety Council as not bearing much investigation, as your obituary does, is simply not fair. Tye's antics brought him admirers as well as critics, and he often campaigned on issues, such as the availability of lethal weapons, that generated considerable parliamentary and public sympathy.

Tye's National Safety Awards scheme was tokenistic, but at least it engendered some safety awareness in small companies, many of which were unlikely ever to receive an official inspection. The Safety Council offered a range of information, training and publicity services.

The public are often exasperated by the inertia of official institutions, which allow incidents such as the Hungerford massacre to repeat themselves before anything is done. That is why Tye flourished; not simply because he was a self-publicist, but because the public needed somebody like him, whatever his motives, to cause mischief and question accepted procedures.

Yours faithfully,
TIM CHALLIS,
25 Victoria Terrace,
Todmorden, West Yorkshire.
July 26.

## Britain's lack of success in Atlanta

*From Councillor Dr Paul Walker*

Sir, The current furore over our dismal performance in Atlanta ("Medal famine prompts a ministerial intervention", later editions, July 31; letters, August 1) is a cause for surprise; the low medal count itself is not. It was entirely predictable.

As a practising epidemiologist I know, as an empirically demonstrable fact, that the parts of a population are representative of the whole. Thus, for example, in a population which consumes a lot of alcohol there will be a high proportion of people who are alcoholics and problem drinkers. In a population with a low overall consumption the equivalent proportion will be low. So also with sporting performance. Our performance at the Olympics, as in soccer, tennis, cricket, etc, is thus a reflection of a low overall sporting prowess nationally — at representative, club and community levels.

This state of affairs is widely and wrongly ascribed to inadequate facilities and financial support. The true underlying cause of our generally low level of sporting attainment, like that of our low levels of academic, research and managerial achievements, is the prevalent depressed state of the national psyche — the much talked-about lack of "feel-good" factor is only the tip of the iceberg. This state is itself caused by, among other things, decades of poor or misguided political leadership and our pervasive backward-looking culture.

Sporting performance is not a dissociated entity. Like handwriting, gait, speech, etc, in individuals it is an important indicator of the collective psyche and one that merits serious attention — not just the application of nostrums such as sports scholarships and a sports academy (report, July 25).

Yours sincerely,
PAUL WALKER,
8 Church Avenue,
Sneyd Park, Bristol, Somerset.
August 1.

*From Mr Geoffrey Peake*

Sir, As in so many other walks of British life, the reason for our lacklustre sporting performance seems to be that there is no committed or sustained long-term investment. Instead of continuing to trundle out, time after time, sportspersons who have reached, if not gone past, their "sell by date", we should be supporting and preparing future generations for sustained good performances. It is embarrassing to see people appear at events who cannot succeed and should have retired gracefully at the right time.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PEAKE,
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Stalybridge, Cheshire.

*From Mrs S. Prichard*

Sir, Our first, and so far only, gold medal winner is a man who has devoted his life to the true Olympic spirit and, in the history of the Games, is only the fourth person to achieve a gold medal in four consecutive Games: so shouldn't it have been rower Steven Redgrave who had the honour of prime position on the front page of *The Times* this morning rather than Linford Christie?

Yours faithfully,
S. PRICHARD,
North End House,
Chiddingfold, Surrey.
July 29.

## Medical safeguards

*From the General Secretary of the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists*

Sir, Your report (July 24, later editions) that the Joint Consultants Committee has recommended that each specialist profession must agree which medical procedures could safely be delegated to non-doctors includes a reference to poorly trained and inadequately supervised chiropodists. This, by implication, includes those that are state registered.

Anyone can set up in a private practice as a chiropodist but to become state registered, and thus to work in the NHS, a chiropodist must complete a three-year honours degree course. A state-registered chiropodist would undoubtedly recognise "signs of poor circulation caused by heart disease" and make an appropriate and immediate referral to a registered medical practitioner.

This Society would entirely support the initiative of the Joint Consultants' Committee to regulate surgical practice. However, we would remind the medical profession that state-registered chiropodists are independent practitioners who have developed a successful approach to minor foot surgery, based upon rigorous training, assessment and examination involving supportive members of the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Department of Health encouraged the development of such surgery in the NHS in the *Report of the Joint DoH/NHS Chiropody Task Force* of 1994.

Yours faithfully,
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*From the President of The Royal College of Radiologists*

Sir, When a patient consults a doctor, together they address a clinical problem. The doctor may then seek assistance from non-medical health staff through a process of proper delegation, but retains responsibility for the welfare of the patient throughout the process. Your report on medical tasks performed by non-medically qualified health professionals concentrated on surgical procedures but the questions raised by the Joint Consultants Committee's document apply equally to non-surgical activities, including diagnostic procedures.

Thus when a specialist refers a patient to a consultant radiologist in an X-ray department, he or she may be examined by a non-medically qualified radiographer. In these circumstances we suggest the patient should always be told the status of the person undertaking the examination and that of the medically qualified consultant radiologist responsible for the work of that member of staff.

There is a need for a public debate on the issue of non-medical health professionals extending their role but we suggest the general medical training given to doctors before they specialise is an important safeguard for a patient whose illness may not always fit into a narrow area of special skill.

Yours faithfully,
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July 28.

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## Aldeburgh at odds on Britten statue

*From Mr Mstislav Rostropovich and others*

Sir, Included in *The Times* of July 24 was a report by Dalya Alberge entitled "Aldeburgh prefers bird table to statue of Benjamin Britten" (see also letter, July 26; article, July 30).

Benjamin Britten was, without doubt, one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, and we hope that the town of Aldeburgh will consider it an honour to erect a statue in the centre of the town to celebrate his genius and his love of Aldeburgh.

Yours faithfully,
M. ROSTROPOVICH,
COLIN DAVIS,
GENNADI ROZHDESTVENSKY,
GEORG SOLTI,
c/o London Symphony Orchestra,
Level 6, Barbican Centre, EC2.
August 1.

*From Mr Gideon Sherman*

Sir, I would like to propose a conceptual strategy in response to the problem of commemorating Sir Benjamin Britten in Aldeburgh:

1) Commission statue of Britten and select site;
2) Dig hole and bury statue six foot underground.

As well as representing the continued presence and absence of Benjamin Britten, in the long term this approach offers opportunity for revision in accordance with changes in local sentiment, levels of unemployment, and prevailing economic, aesthetic and curatorial doctrine.

Yours faithfully,
GIDEON SHERMAN,
33 Fournier Street, E1.
July 30.

*From Mr Peter Kirwan*

Sir, Had they not voted for them, one would have to pity the citizens of Aldeburgh, their affairs being managed by such councillors.

George Crabbe must be a front-runner for the title of England's most forgotten poet; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson's name is well known in London's Camden, where a hospital bears her name though (unjustly) few know why. But for Britten no one would know of sleepy little Aldeburgh or, come to that, of their councillors' weighty discussions of the relative merits of a bird table or a tree.

Yours faithfully,
PETER KIRWAN,
4 Route Neuve,
34150 Montpeyroux, France.
July 26.

*From Mrs Tricia Maguire*

Sir, I think Benjamin Britten would have been highly amused by the arguments over his proposed statue . . . he might even have written an opera on the subject.

However, would not the figure of Peter Grimes be a suitable memorial? He was the character created in *The Borough*, a poem by another of Aldeburgh's celebrities, George Crabbe; he later became the subject of Britten's most renowned opera; and he was a fisherman.

Yours faithfully,
TRICIA MAGUIRE,
Manor Farm,
Benhall Green,
Saxmundham, Suffolk.
July 26.

## Cabbies' hours

*From Mr Peter Gibson*

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Orme (letter, July 31) asks whether black-cab drivers are subject to the same hours restrictions as other commercial drivers. The answer is that licensed taxi drivers in London are self-employed and as such their hours are not subject to any restrictions. The type of work they do means several natural breaks — quiet periods of trade and meal stops for example — during the day/night.

The Radio Taxis driver who took the young lady from Waterloo to Dundee (report, later editions, July 25) took several breaks on the way there. On his return he stopped and slept for four hours before continuing home, and then took two days off.

Yours etc,
PETER GIBSON
(Head of Strategic Development),
Radio Taxis,
Mountview House,
Lennox Road, N4.
August 1.

## A cup overflowing?

*From Dr R. C. Cooledge*

Sir, Mr Terence Wiseman (letter, July 29) remarks that the Reverend David Burrell has withdrawn his acceptance of the post of Priest-in-charge of 12 parishes in Norfolk, and wonders whether his notepaper was not large enough.

Interestingly I learn that he has now accepted the post of Priest-in-charge of Culford, West Stow and Wordwell, Flempton with Hengrave and Lackford, Fornham All Saints, Fornham St Martin with Fornham St Genevieve, and Timworth.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. COOLEDGE,
Conewood House,
10 Parklands Green,
Fornham St Genevieve,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
July 30.

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# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 1: His Excellency Mr Ashworth Elwin and Mrs Elwin were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Dominica in London.

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Lancers, received Lieutenant-Colonel Alick Finlayson upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer and Lieutenant-Colonel Rudi Wertheim upon assuming the appointment.

Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn (Colonel, The Queen's Royal Lancers) was present.

His Excellency Mr Roy MacLaren was received in audience by Her Majesty upon his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada in London.

Mrs MacLaren was also received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Salv Stellini and Mrs Stellini were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Malta in London.

Mr Charles Noble was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Kevan Yoxall was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Royal Air Force Lossiemouth from Norway this afternoon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire (Air Vice-Marshal George Chesworth).

His Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, later visited Royal Air Force Kinloss, Forres.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
August 1: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Music in Country Churches, this evening attended a Concert in the Church of St Peter, Wolferton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Sir Timothy Colman, KG).

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE,
RICHMOND PARK
August 1: Princess Alexandra today visited the Golden Jubilee Stewartry Show at Wallets Marts Fields, Castle Douglas, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stewartry of Kirkcudbright (Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur).

## Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the summer camp of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment at Thetford, Norfolk, at 11.45.

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, will visit a construction project undertaken by foundation course students of the Institute at Ewhurst, Surrey, at 11.40; will visit the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, at 12.30; and will open the new Visitors' Centre, West Dean Gardens, at 1.50. Later he will visit West Dean College.

## Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for August was won with bond number 29WZ 261672. The winner lives in Clwyd, and has a bond holding of £19,190.

## Service dinner

**221 Squadron RAF**
Mr Joe Crawshaw, Chairman of 221 Squadron RAF Old Comrades Association, received the guests at a reunion dinner held last night at the New Norfolk Hotel, Birmingham, of former members of the Squadron and their ladies.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nicholas Wiseman, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1850-65, Seville, 1802; Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, Orange, New Jersey, 1832; Francis Marion Crawford, novelist, Bagni di Lucca, Italy, 1854; Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick 1953-75, London, 1891.

DEATHS: William II (Rufus), reigned 1087-1100, New Forest, Hampshire, 1100; Thomas Gainsborough, painter, London, 1788; Jacques Montgolfier, pioneer of ballooning, Annonay, France, 1799; "Wild Bill" Hickok, US Marshal, murdered, Deadwood, Dakota, 1876; Enrico Caruso, tenor, Naples, 1921; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Beinn Bhreagh, Nova Scotia, 1922; Warren Harding, 29th American President 1921-23, San Francisco, 1923; Paul von Hindenburg, President of the Weimar Republic 1925-34, Neudich, 1934; Louis Blériot, first person to fly the Channel (1909), Paris, 1936; Pietro Mascagni, composer, Rome, 1945; Wallace Stevens, poet, Hartford, Connecticut, 1955; Fritz Lang, film director, Los Angeles, 1976; Carlos Chavez, composer, Mexico, 1978.

Death duties were introduced into Britain, 1894.

Iraq invaded Kuwait, 1990.

## Birthdays today

Mr Eddie Bell, executive chairman and publisher, HarperCollins Publishers, UK, 47; Mr John Bowis, MP, 51; Mr John Broome, founder, Alton Towers Theme Park, 53; Mr John Gale, theatre producer, 67; Sir John Hannam, MP, 67; Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, Reuters Holdings, 60; Professor George Jenkins, haematologist, 69; Dr George Kimble, geographer, 88; Sir Reginald Murley, surgeon, 80; Lord Murray of Epping Forest, 74; Lord Justice Neill, 73; Mr Peter O'Toole, actor, 64; Professor Sir Michael Peckham, oncologist, 61; Mr Richard Simmonds, chairman, Countryside Commission and former MEP, 52; Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, mathematician, 69; Ms Rose Tremain, novelist and playwright, 53; Mr Alan Tuffin, trade unionist, 63; Lord Waddington, QC, 67; Mr Alan Whicker, broadcaster, 71; Lord Wigram, 81; Sir Brian Wolfson, former chairman, Wembley Stadium, 61.

STEWART MARK

Ingeborg Pertwee at the memorial service yesterday for her husband, with their son Sean, and Bill Pertwee

# Memorial service for Jon Pertwee

**A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Jon Pertwee was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Roger Royle officiated.**

**Mr Kenneth Earle, Mr Lance Percival, Mr Stuart Money, Mr Nick Courtney, Mr Bill Pertwee, Mr George Evans, Mr David Jacobs and Miss June Whitfield paid tribute. Among others present were:** Mrs Pertwee (widow), Mr and Mrs Sean Pertwee (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Dariel Pertwee (daughter), Mrs Michael Pertwee (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Tim Pertwee, Michael Pertwee, Miss Tara Pertwee, Mr and Mrs Gordon Pertwee, Miss Tania Pertwee.

Lord Rix, Mr T J Aitchison, Mrs David Jacobs, Mrs Beryl Vosburgh, Mr Leslie Phillips, Miss Caroline John, Mr Ed Stewart, Miss Elizabeth Seal, Miss Sylvia Syms, Miss Nicola Bryant, Mrs Jo Evans, Mr and Mrs Derek Bond, Mr John Bullock, Mr Derek Gibney, Mr Nicholas Parsons, Mr John Rye, Mr Barry Cryer, Mr J Noon, Mr George Lucas, Mr George Gee, Mr James Pertwee, Mr and Mrs George Sewell, Mr Tim Davies, Miss Prunella Briance, Mr and Mrs Mike MacCabe, Miss Fernanda Marlowe, Mr and Mrs A N F Powys.

Mr Paul Rattigan, Mr John Scott Martin, Mrs Rae Whalley, Miss G Byam-Grounds, Miss Margaret Hayward, Mr James Head, Mr Peter Miles, Mr Lawrence Barton, Mr Robin Pritchard, Mr Daniel Cohen, Mr and Mrs Roy Stephens, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Bentham, Mr Brian Miller, Miss Elisabeth Sladen, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Juleff, Mr Jeremy Bolt, Mr Henry Leapman, Mr Mark Gatiss, Mr Charles Tresise, Mr Robert Ettinger, Mr Philip Ettinger, Mr Dennis Kirtland, Mr Richard Leaf.

Mr Simon da Costa, Mr and Mrs John Leveson, Mr Anthony Hugo, Mr Michael Ward, Mr and Mrs Raymond Lynch, Mr Richard A Batten, Mr Eddie Rowland, Mrs Wendy Baker, Mr David Foster, Mr Tony Birch, Mr Chris Emmett, Mr Tony Hare, Mr Paul Vyse, Mr Grahame Flynn, Mr John Nathan Turner, Mr Alan Langley, Mr Raymond Plowman, Ms B Edney, Mr John Smoker, Mr Simon Day, Mr Mike Wells, Mr and Mrs Philip Bloom, Mr and Mrs John Watson, Ms Alison O'Hara, Mr David Farnborough, Mr and Mrs Keith Hornby Priestnall.

Mr Alf Pearson (Prince Rat, representing the King Rat of the Grand Order of Water Rats) with Mr David Berglas and Mrs Berglas, Mr Len Lowe, Mr Joe Church, Mr Johnny Mans, Mr Rex Roper, Mr David Kaye and other members of the order.

Miss Roslyn Oliver (The Royal Theatrical Fund), Mrs Rosemary Stevens (Actors' Benevolent Fund), Dr Andrew N Eaton and Ms Sarah Fowler (Dr Who Appreciation Society), Mrs Merilyn Harris (BBC), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), Mr Albert Critoph (British Music Hall Society), Mr Robin Barter (Concert Artistes' Association), Mr C J A Smith (Comic Heritage), Mr Patrick Newley (*Stage and Television Today*), Mr Roy Turner (Duncan William Films), Miss Marie Joseph (Gallery First Nighters) and Mr Keith Pusey (chairman, PHAB) and Mrs Pusey.

## Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel

Further to the announcement of the memorial service for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel at noon on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, at St George's, Hanover Square, London W1. As space is limited, those wishing to be seated should apply to Mrs Susan Stafford, 10 Welbeck Way, London W1M 7PE, telephone 0171-935 0075.

## The Hon Simon Weinstock

A Memorial Concert in memory of the Hon Simon Weinstock will be held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on Friday, October 4, at 3pm. Admission will be by ticket only. Those wishing to attend should write to Mrs P. Newton, 1 Stanhope Gate, London W1A 1EH.

## Madame Kazuko Aso

A Memorial Mass, to give thanks for the life and work of Kazuko Aso (Mrs Takakichi Aso, Hon DBE), will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair, London, W1 at 10.00am on Monday, October 14, 1996. All friends will be welcome.

## Mr Tony Bethell

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Tony Bethell will be held at Beverley Minster on Monday, August 19, at 2.30pm.

## Wax Chandlers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Wax Chandlers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr David J. La Niece; Upper Warden, Mr Michael Harvey; Renter Warden, Lieutenant Commander Nicholas Bailey, RN.

# Ancient monument is modern invention

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A PREHISTORIC henge, registered as an Ancient Monument by English Heritage, has been shown to be modern. The "henge", thought to be a ritual site more than four thousand years old, seems to be the result of coal-mining activities earlier this century.

The embarrassing error was spotted by the use of sophisticated archaeological prospection techniques, which yielded magnetic readings incompatible with the presumed henge construction. Although the precise nature of the site is still not clear, it may be the result of experiments on how coal dust explodes, carried out before the First World War.

The site, at Altofts, near Normanton, West Yorkshire, consisted of a broad low oval earthwork standing up to a metre high. Its hollow centre was lower than the ground outside, unusual in prehistoric monuments, but the site was classed as a henge by English Heritage.

Henges, of which Stonehenge and Avebury are the most famous examples, are banked enclosures with an internal ditch. They have long been defined as "ritual" monuments, with those dated falling between 3500 and 2000 BC.

A magnetic gradiometer survey of the Altofts site in 1988 produced readings which were too high for a henge, and a new investigation was carried out using soil augering to obtain profiles of the deposits, and the magnetic susceptibility and viscosity of the soils were measured.

Comparison of the "original" soil profiles near by with those in the "henge" showed that the latter included coal slag, charcoal, and large amounts of gritty, burnt-looking materials. The degree of weathering suggested that perhaps a century had passed since the soil was formed.

When magnetic susceptibility readings were taken, the conclusion that strong reducing and reoxidisation by heating had taken place was corroborated.

"The results suggest most strongly that this feature is not a henge," the journal *Archaeological Prospection* reports. It may be related to the mining industry — the Stanley Main coal seam outcrops near by.

A fascinating possibility is that the site results from experiments carried out into the explosion hazards of coal dust in 1908-09. Surface galleries were built and coal dust ignited in them to test explosive force under different conditions.

This would explain the crater-like appearance of the "henge". If so, English Heritage may have lost a prehistoric monument, but gained a rare insight into the Edwardian industrial age.

Source: *Archaeological Prospection* 3: 39-50.

## Cardiff Law School

Centre for Professional Legal Studies

Legal Practice Course Results for 1995-96:

**Pass**
Akhter N; Bedi S; Bhagat F; Bond C D; Caplan E R; Clappe T W J; Cleary S N; Cogar R M; De Saulles D J; Delbridge K L; Denton K; Elliott B J; Ellis M J; Fletcher N R; Geddes A; Ihenacho K U; Kim M K; Korner H L; Last M L; Locke R J; Malique M A M; Martin E J; Matthews S A; Miles R D; Mohamed P A; Moore R B; Moseley A.
Paskell J L; Pickthall S M; Pitt R M; Rees J B; Shuttleworth P A; Stitson C; Taaffe P L; Taylor M G; Thomas R H; Thomas S J; Thorne R; Todd A J; Webber F E; White D M; Williams C R.

**Pass with Commendation**
Adams S H; Arthur L; Beaver M E; Bevan M J; Blackhurst D E; Booth K; Bourquin D B; Byett P; Casals L A; Chisnall J S C; Cranston J; Davies C H; Davies R J; Embiricos B P; Evans A L; Fallaize D L A; Gallucci M; Garner K D; Howells L H; Jaggi A; James K M; James M; Jones D H; Koppel M C A; Leadbetter S A; Lewis C M; Loynd A.
Madurasinghe L R; Mansfield Fellowes R G; Melmoth K L; Mitchell E A P; Morgan J R; Morgan T J; Morris S; O'Brien K T; Patel P; Phillips C L; Prydderch I L; Reynolds J B; Risoli A E; Roberts A J; Romer J A; Sharfman K J; Thomas M L; Wicks C J; Wilkins E T; Williams D M.

**Pass with Distinction**
Bigmore R E; Buczkiewicz L A; David R; Davies F L; Giddings J; Graville C L; Hobbs A J L; Hughes D J; Leach B; Loosemore S J; Mainwaring H J; Minihane M R; Rowledge M; Scott C L A; Trenberth V L; Wilson A V K.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A.W.G. Bell**
**and Miss J.L. Harrison**
The engagement is announced between Aidan, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs R.P.M. Bell, of St Cross, Winchester, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Harrison, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

**Mr A. Cecconi**
**and Miss H. Pritchard**
The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Cecconi, of Rowington, Warwickshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerry Pritchard, of Solihull, West Midlands.

**Mr G.A. Charles**
**and Miss S.G. Murray-Walker**
The engagement is announced between Gerard, younger son of Mr and Mrs L.R. Charles, of Lytham St Annes, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.I. Murray-Walker, recently of Walhampton School, of Hatherop, Gloucestershire.

**Mr P.A. Cranfield**
**and Miss V. Scott-Brown**
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mrs W.I.R. Cranfield and the late Mr H.G. Cranfield, of the Rectory, East Down, North Devon, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Scott-Brown, of the Manor House, East Down.

**Mr P.J. Michael**
**and Miss E.D. Holmes**
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Sir Peter and Lady Michael, of Eddington, Berkshire, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Holmes, of Kintbury, Berkshire.

**Mr J.P. Queen**
**and Miss C.L. Kingston**
The engagement is announced between Mr Jeremy Queen, MRCVS, eldest son of Mr Antony Queen, of Dolphinholme, Lancashire, and Mrs Mary Queen, of Garstang, Lancashire, and Miss Caroline Kingston, MRCVS, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Kingston, of Astwood Bank, Worcestershire.

**Mr J.E. Fattorini**
**and Miss C.E. Mather**
The engagement is announced between Joseph, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Fattorini, of Linton-in-Craven, North Yorkshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr C.R.B. Mather and the late Mrs Mather, of Forton, Lancashire.

**Mr S.A.McL. Reid-Smith**
**and Miss N.M. Poole**
The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Reid-Smith, of Nailsea, Bristol, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Poole, of Liverpool.

**Mr W.T.B. Sallitt**
**and Miss K.D. Sahonte**
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of the late Mr Thomas Sallitt and of Mrs Ellen Sallitt, of Hessle, East Yorkshire, and Kamla, daughter of the late Mr J. Sahonte and of Mrs N. Sahonte, of Bedford.

## Marriages

**Mr T.A. Courtauld**
**and Miss H.J. Horner**
The marriage took place on July 27, at St Botolph's Church, Chevening, of Toby Augustine, son of Mr and Mrs William Courtauld, of Turtle Cove, Hong Kong, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Horner, of Underriver, Sevenoaks, Kent.

**Mr N.M.R. Hannay**
**and Miss K.J. Doughty**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 27, at Kirkmabreck Church, Creetown, Wigtownshire, of Neil, son of Professor and Mrs David Hannay, Wigtownshire, and Kirsten, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Doughty, Edinburgh.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Rosamund Walker, Miss Gilly Boyd, Miss Lindsay Doughty, Miss Suzy Doughty and Daisy Barlow. Mr Duncan Garrett was best man.

A reception was held at Kirkdale House, Wigtownshire and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

# Church news

**Appointments**

Canon Gordon Reid, Vicar-General of the diocese in Europe: to be also Archdeacon in Europe, same diocese.

The Rev Ian Arthur, Rector, Potton w Sutton and Cockayne Hatley: to be Priest-in-charge, Sharnbrook and Knotting w Souldrop (St Albans).

The Rev Susan Austin, Associate Minister, Christ Church LEP, Estover, Plymouth (Exeter): to be Vicar, Stevenage, All Saints, Pin Green (St Albans).

The Rev Jonathan Baldwin, Curate, Crawley: to be Curate, Shoreham Old and New (Chichester).

The Rev Peter Clark, Team Vicar, Camber in Rye: to be Priest-in-charge, Chiddingly and East Hoathly (Chichester).

The Rev Brian Nicholson, Vicar, St John's, Colchester (Chelmsford): to be Rector, Church Oakley w Wootton St Lawrence (Winchester).

The Rev Amiel Osmaston, Director of Mission and Pastoral Studies, Ridley Hall, Cambridge (Ely): to be Field Officer, Training (Chester).

The Rev Philip Parker, Chaplain, Shiplake College, Henley-on-Thames (Oxford): to be Chaplain Milton Abbey School (Salisbury).

The Rev Stuart Petty, Assistant Curate, West Bromwich St Andrew: to be Assistant Anglican Chaplain, Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust (Lichfield).

The Rev Roger Redding, licensed to officate, Bemerton Team Ministry (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar, Chalke Valley Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev John Seaman, Vicar, Southea w Murrow, Parson Drove w Guyhirn and Ring's End: now Chaplain to the Mothers' Union (Ely).

Canon Haydn Smart, Vicar, Longthorpe, Peterborough: to be *also* Rural Dean of Peterborough (Peterborough).

The Rev Brian Turnbull, Priest-in-charge, St Oswald, Hartlepool: to be Vicar, St Oswald, Hartlepool (Durham), suspension of presentation having been lifted.

The Rev Jim Westcott, Assistant Curate, St Stephen w St John, Rochester Row, Westminster: to be Priest-in-charge, St Chad, Haggerston (London).

The Rev Ruth Wigram, Assistant Chaplain at Airedale General Hospital, Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Curate, Holy Trinity, Skipton (Bradford): to be Vicar, Easby w Brompton on Swale and Bolton on Swale (Ripon).

The Rev Robert Yule, Team Vicar, Bestwood Village St Mark and Bestwood Emmanuel, in the Bestwood Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Selston w Westwood (Southwell).

**Resignations and retirements**

The Rev James Roberts, Rector, Barby w Kilsby (Peterborough): to retire July 31, for health reasons.

The Rev Timothy Surtees, Rector, Cheam (Southwark): to retire September 30.

The Rev John Wells, Vicar, St Paul, Hanging Heaton (Wakefield): to retire September 30.

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**The Almighty we cannot find: his power is beyond our ken, yet in his great righteousness he does not pervert justice. Job 37 : 23 (REB)**

### BIRTHS

**CARRINGTON** - On 27th July, to Caroline (née Bertie) and Andrew, a son, Charles Alexander Francis, a brother for Georgia.

**CLAY** - James Frederick born 29th July, son of Robert and Jane. Grandson of Prof. and Mrs Geoffrey Pugh and Mr and Mrs John Clay.

**COX** - Steve and Emma (née Moffat) on 28th July 1996, a daughter, Helen Miranda Eve, a sister for Thomas and Jonathan.

**CRANE** - On July 31st 1996, to Caroline (née Chivers) and Richard, a daughter, Emily Henrietta.

**ERKMEN** - On July 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Ayse (née Serpen) and Ali, a handsome baby boy, Alican.

**FRASER** - On 16th July, to Belinda (née Morgan-Smith) and Brian, a son, George Angus Zebedee, a brother for Camilla and Ruari.

**GAWN** - On 27th June, to Pamela (née Mowatt) and Richard, a lovely daughter, Jemima Louisa Alison.

**MALLEN** - On July 27th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Dawn (née Kelleher) and Richard, a handsome son, Joshua Patrick Henry.

**ODINLO** - Michael Ebubechukwu at The Portland Hospital on July 26th 1996 to Becky Odinlo, a bouncing healthy baby boy.

**PERRY** - On 31st July, to Elizabeth and Philip, a daughter, Hayley Bonny, a sister for Adam and Thomas.

**ROSS** - On 29th July, to Sophie (née Maltby) and Alexander, a daughter, Natasha, and a son, Jasper.

**ROSS SKINNER** - On 26th July, to Kristine and Paul, a daughter, Leonora Rose, a sister for Gustav.

### BIRTHS

**SATTIN** - On 27th July, to Sylvie (née Franquet) and Anthony, a son, Felix Misha, a brother for Johnny Paris.

**TAIT** - On 31st July 1996, at The Morningside Clinic, Johannesburg, to Katie (née Nibbs) and Jim, a daughter, Madeleine Margaret.

### MARRIAGES

**GINJA:SWANN** - On Saturday July 27th at Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, Eduardo Ferreira Ginja, younger son of Mr and Mrs José Ginja of Lisbon and Deborah Swann, elder daughter of Mr Peter Swann and Mrs Shirley White.

**PARKS:TONES** - On August 1st 1996 at Chelsea Registry Office, Sam to Hilary Jane.

### DEATHS

**ALEXANDER** - Molly peacefully in hospital on Tuesday 30th July. Dearly loved mother of Susan, Sally, Jane and Jimmy. Funeral Service at Slough Crematorium, Stoke Road, on Wednesday 7th August at 1.30 pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Age Concern c/o E. Sargeant & Son, 40 Church Street, Slough, SL1 1PJ, tel: (01753) 520081.

**BOGGIS-ROLFE** - On Thursday 1st August at home after cancer courageously borne Philip aged 46, beloved husband of Kris, father of Zöe and Kaspar and son of Hume and Dorothea.

### DEATHS

**BROWN** - (Née Burkitt) Kathleen (Kaffy) on July 30th 1996 peacefully at home in her 86th year. Wife of the late Lt. Col. Bruno Brown, beloved mother of Carolyn and Nigel and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service to take place at St James the Less Church, Nutley on Wednesday 7th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to the R.S.P.B. c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, East Sussex.

**CHEALES** - On July 30th, Father Alan O.P. of St Dominic's Priory, Southampton Road, London NW5. Reception into Priory Church on Monday 5th August at 8 pm. Mass of the Resurrection at 12 noon on Tuesday 6th August followed by interment in St Mary's R.C. Cemetery, Harrow Road.

**COLLIS** - After a short illness at home, John Harry Neild, aged 95, widower of Eve, father of Michael, Anthony and Marietta. Funeral St Peter's Church, Worfield, nr. Bridgnorth, Shropshire, noon, Tuesday August 6th. Family flowers. Donations to R.N.L.I. Donations and enquiries to Perry and Phillips Funeral Directors, 4, Underhill Street, Bridgnorth, (01746) 765256.

**DEENY** - Cynthia Elizabeth peacefully after a short illness on 31st July aged 75. Widow of C.G. Creswick and Dr. P.H. Deeny and dearly loved mother of Mary-Rose and Charlotte. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Trinity Hospice, Clapham. Funeral enquiries to T.H. Sanders tel: (0181) 876-4673.

**FOX** - Edward John Fuckerell of Sunbury, died peacefully on Wednesday 31st July in hospital. Funeral on Thursday 8th August 2 pm at the South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth. Enquiries to Lodge Bros., (01932) 785402.

### DEATHS

**GRACE** - On 31st July peacefully Oliver Jelf Grace MBE, TD, DL, much loved husband of Marjorie, father of Alethea, Caroline and John, grandfather of Polly, Adam, Edward, George and Ellie and friend of Annie (dog). Funeral private, thanksgiving service to be announced. Donations to All Saints Church, Hollingbourne or Heart of Kent Hospice, Aylesford, Kent.

**LE MAITRE** - Andrew Christopher, on 30th July suddenly at home in Montreal. Much loved husband of Mary, father of Alfred, Martin and William.

**LE MASURIER** - Sir Robert Hugh, D.S.C. (Former Bailiff, Island of Jersey) of St Saviour Jersey, died peacefully on Tuesday 30th July 1996, aged 82 years, beloved husband of Helen, loving father of Susan, Martin and Marianne and loving grandad of Marisa, Rebecca, Nicholas, Jessica and Laura. Funeral enquiries to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: (01534) 37291.

**McCULLOCH** - On Wednesday July 31st 1996 peacefully in St Peter and St James Hospice after a short illness in her 89th year. Eileen Hilda (Barry), wife of the late Derek McCulloch (Uncle Mac) and much loved mother of Judith and Crystal and a dear Nan and Great-Nan to Caroline, David, Simon, Clare and Mark, Rhianwyn, Oliver, Jessica and Victoria. Private family cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Cosmas and St Damian, Keymer, Hassocks, Sussex on Wednesday August 7th at 3.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired payable to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council or Imperial Cancer Research c/o P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4HW, tel: (01444) 451166.

### DEATHS

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### DEATHS

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## OBITUARIES

# PROFESSOR JOHN LORBER

**John Lorber, paediatrician, died on July 2 aged 80. He was born on October 12, 1915.**

JOHN LORBER'S career in paediatrics exemplified the value that the National Health Service gives to child care; but it also led him into the very centre of problems that arise when advancing medical care comes into conflict with ethics and the economics of survival.

Born in Budapest, where his father was the director of a private medical clinic, Lorber attended the Lutheran public school in that city. From there he went on to train as a doctor at the University of Pecs and, later, at the University of Budapest. He also spent periods working at the University of Helsinki and in the Department of Neurosurgery at Manchester University.

In 1938, thanks to the political situation then prevailing under Admiral Horthy in Hungary, he and his younger brother escaped to England with virtually no money but with a bundle of unframed oil paintings and instructions from their father to sell them as a last resort. A little later their father was arrested and sent to a concentration camp, where he died. Their mother evaded the same fate by feigning death while hiding in a ditch. She also was later able to escape to England.

In Cambridge, after doing some labouring jobs, Lorber was able to continue his medical education via the university and Guy's Hospital, being supported by grants from the British Council, Fitzwilliam House, and the International Students Association. He qualified MB, ChB at Guy's Hospital in 1944 having won the Gold Medal in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He did his house physician and surgeon appointments at Guy's Hospital with A. H. Duthwaite and R. C. Brock. He then became a senior medical officer at the County Hospital, Dartford. It was in Dartford that he met his wife Joan, who was the radiographer at that hospital. He became a naturalised British subject in 1947 and obtained his MRCP in 1948.

It was in that same year that he was appointed as a research assistant in Child Health in the department of Ronald Illingworth at the University of Sheffield. He came to Sheffield just a week after the birth of the National Health Service in July 1948. He spent his whole paediatric career at the Sheffield Children's Hospital going through the stages of being Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader and, in 1979, becoming Professor of Paediatrics.

In later years in his introductory lectures to students Lorber would always ask: "Do you know who was the greatest paediatrician of all time?" The answer remained after his 33 years at the Sheffield Children's Hospital: "Aneurin Bevin, the father of the National Health Service."

In Sheffield his first work was with Spyros Doxiadis related to acute rheumatic fever but he was soon diverted to the problems of childhood tuberculosis and took up this topic with great enthusiasm. At that time tuberculosis was an extremely common condition in childhood (there were up to 50 deaths a year from it in the hospital) and a wing of the hospital, which was known as "the block" (a discarded child reformatory), was put over entirely to treating these children.

Lorber took an active role in the treatment of tuberculosis with Streptomycin and completed his MD thesis on this subject for the University of Cambridge in 1951. He set up one of the most active community units in the country. This, combined with his very early introduction of BCG vaccination and his meticulous follow-up procedures made Sheffield one of the first major cities to eliminate lethal childhood tuberculosis.

By the 1950s acute rheumatic fever and tuberculosis had been largely mastered and the problem of birth defects, in particular meningomyelocele and hydrocephalus, came to the fore. At this time Sheffield was fortunate in having two surgeons who were very active in this field, the general paediactric surgeon Robert Zachary and the orthopaedic surgeon John Sharrard.

Lorber combined with these innovatory surgeons to set up a comprehensive surgical and medical treatment programme for some children. At that time this was a somewhat revolutionary concept as the outcome for these children had been almost universally disastrous. The medico-surgical unit that developed made Sheffield one of the best known centres for the treatment of spina bifida in the world. The result of this was that cases were referred to Sheffield from almost all parts of the world and a very large number of children were treated there. A major strength of Sheffield over rival units in Liverpool and Carshalton was the meticulous recording work carried out by Lorber with these children.

This enthusiastic treatment led to the local development of special community support units and special schools in the belief that a cure had been largely found for this severe deformity. However, it soon became apparent that there had been an excessive degree of medical optimism. There was an increasing number of surviving children whose quality of life was poor and who would never be self-supporting. Lorber had a profound sympathy with such children and these disasters had a very great effect upon him. He managed to survive by taking the step of introducing the concept of selection before treatment.

The vast number of cases of children treated in Sheffield enabled Lorber to work out "at birth" criteria related to the child's likely condition at ten years and he put forward criteria for a selection for treatment at birth. This provoked one of the most active and in some ways acrimonious disputes relating to child care of this century. Lorber set out the situation as he saw it in his Milroy Lecture to the Royal College of Physicians in 1975. His advocacy that certain children should not be treated but should be "allowed to die" in infancy affected almost every branch of paediatric care, and in particular nursing care, where "custodial care" was seen by some as child murder by deliberate neglect.

His criteria for selection have now become standard practice guidelines throughout the world — though his name in paediatrics will undoubtedly remain at the centre of what is perhaps the major medical and ethical problem of this century: the extent to which technical advances in surgery and medicine have led to the survival of children whose quality of life is so much reduced that the very ethics of their survival becomes questionable.

John Lorber was fortunate in having an able and supportive wife and her care for him in the terminal years of his life when he was smitten with an Alzheimer's-type disease equalled his own sympathy in the care of sick children. They had no children of their own but adopted two.

He is survived by his wife Jean, and his adopted son and daughter.

# MARIE-ANTOINETTE LADD

**Marie-Antoinette Ladd, former French governess to the Queen, died on July 28 aged 92. She was born on April 15, 1904.**

THE Queen's admirable command of the French language owes much to the tuition of Marie-Antoinette Ladd who served as a governess from 1941 to the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret. More widely known as Toni de Bellaigue — Toinon to her friends — she taught the young princesses French language and European history for seven years.

But Marie-Antoinette Ladd was to become more than just a governess to the Queen. Despite the age gap between them and despite the fact that she lived abroad for several years, her relationship with the Queen survived throughout the half-century which has elapsed since she ceased to be the Queen's governess. When in recent years she returned to live in London, her relationship with the Queen became, perhaps, even closer. Well-read and with a penetrating intelligence, she was an especially good listener and intensely loyal. The Queen and she freely discussed the many interests they had in common.

Marie-Antoinette Ladd was born Marie-Antoinette Willemin in Nivelles, Belgium. In 1928 she married a French nobleman, the Vicomte Pierre de Bellaigue, by whom in 1931 she had twin sons. She lived for a short time in Almeria where her husband was a mining engineer, but was forced by the climate and political unrest in Spain to take her sons to England where they were educated. She was on holiday with them in Belgium in May 1940 and was one of the last travellers to leave the country, via Calais, and return to England.

After a short spell of teaching in a finishing school in Wales which she never enjoyed, Marie-Antoinette was recommended by Lady Crewe for the post of Governess to the two daughters of Lord and Lady Hardinge of Penshurst. At the time Lord Hardinge was Principal Private Secretary to King George VI and was living in Winchester Tower, Windsor Castle.

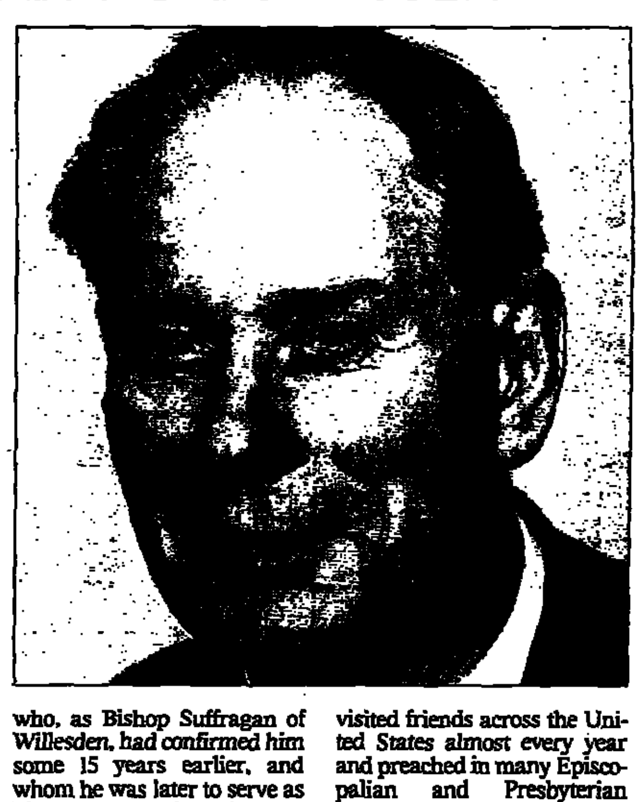
So successful had Marie-Antoinette Willemin proved as a teacher that Lord Hardinge recommended her to King George VI in 1941, and she was asked to succeed "Monty" Montaubon Smith as French governess to the two princesses, a post which she held till 1948.

Her marriage to her first husband did not long survive the war and she subsequently married first Eugene Untermyer, a New York lawyer, and then, some years after his death in 1960, William Ladd, an international banker. From then on she lived partly in England but much of the time in Lebanon and America. Ladd died in 1987 and Marie-Antoinette took up permanent residence in London. She lived alone in Chelsea, dispensing hospitality to her friends and delighting in the achievements of her sons and their families, which culminated in the appointment as GCVO of her son Geoffrey on his retirement as Director of the Royal Collection earlier this year.

She is survived by her two sons, one of whom, Geoffrey, now lives with his wife, Sheila, who is Registrar of the Queen's Archives, in that part of the tower of Windsor Castle, where his mother had first gone to live when she had worked in the castle 55 years ago.

# THE VEN RONALD COLE

**The Ven Ronald Cole, Archdeacon of Leicester, 1963-80, died in Street, Somerset, on July 19 aged 82. He was born on October 20, 1913.**



RONALD COLE was made an archdeacon in 1953 at the early age of 40, first of Loughborough and then, in 1963, of Leicester. The latter was a post in which he remained until his retirement in 1980.

Born into a very humble, devout Christian family living in south Tottenham, London, Ronald Berkeley Cole suffered from ill-health throughout much of his youth and, as a result, received only a limited education.

On leaving school, at the age of 14, he went to work with a firm of London stockbrokers and, after a lengthy spell of unemployment during the Depression, joined London Freehold Properties, a property-owning company where, after a few years, he was appointed registrar. It was here that he gained the knowledge of finance which was to serve him in such good stead in later life.

While working for London Freehold Properties, he studied mathematics, English, Greek and Latin, by correspondence course rising to university matriculation standard. He then revealed, to the immense joy of his parents, that the reason for these studies had been to enable him to be accepted for training for the Ministry, which he was convinced was his vocation. He financed his time at the Low Church Bishops' College, Cheshunt, from the savings he had made during his years in business, together with his earnings as a labourer during college vacations. Only on the last day of his final stint on a building site did he reveal to his workmates the nature of his other life.

He was ordained deacon in Leicester Cathedral in 1942, by Bishop Guy Vernon Smith, who, as Bishop Suffragan of Willesden, had confirmed him some 15 years earlier, and whom he was later to serve as his personal chaplain. He spent six years as curate of St Peter's, Braunstone, and two as succentor of Leicester Cathedral, before being appointed vicar of St Philip's, Leicester, a living which he held for 17 years. During this time he became a familiar figure on his bicycle visiting parishioners.

One of his outstanding qualities was his administrative ability, recognised by his appointment to the Church of England Central Board of Finance, where he became vice-chairman. But his preference was for pastoral work and, when he finally retired to Sheringham, Norfolk, he offered his services to the Bishop of Norwich, and became rural dean for the Repps deanery. Until a few weeks before his death he conducted services almost every Sunday throughout the northeast Norfolk area.

Starting in the 1960s, he had visited friends across the United States almost every year and preached in many Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches. His sermons, prepared at great length but delivered virtually without notes, were powerful and interesting and he maintained that he never preached the same sermon twice. When questioned about this a few years ago, however, he admitted that he had once broken this self-imposed rule.

During a visit to the Midwest he had preached a sermon in one small town and the same sermon a week later at a town over 100 miles away. Afterwards a woman member of the congregation approached him to compliment him on the sermon, while somewhat pointedly explaining that she had been so impressed the previous week that she had come to hear him preach a second time. He ruefully declared that he never broke his rule again.

Ronald Cole is survived by his wife Grace, a daughter and a son.

# NIC OLIVIER

**Nic Olivier, South African academic, anti-apartheid activist and politician, died on July 9 aged 76. He was born on September 15, 1919.**

AS AN eminent academic and liberal politician, Nic Olivier incurred the wrath of successive apartheid governments for his prominent stand against their policies.

He was a leading figure in the National Party's inner circle until 1960 when, in exasperation, he turned his back on white minority rule to become a vocal opponent. At the time he was the most prominent Afrikaner academic to speak out publicly against apartheid and in the following years his courageous opposition to the Nationalists simultaneously made him many enemies and inspired a generation of Afrikaans liberal thinkers.

One of 13 children born to an artisan father in the remote village of Pearston in the Karoo, Nic Olivier was brought up in a traditional Afrikaans home on a diet of boerewors, biltong and the Bible. His mother had been sentenced to death by the British during the Boer War for supplying provisions to Boer commandos — the sentence was later commuted — and though poor his parents were determined that their children should get ahead. After attending the local secondary school Olivier, supported by a public bursary, went on in 1938 to study at Stellenbosch University, where he took a degree in law.

After taking a masters degree in African administrative law he was appointed to the teaching staff of the university in 1946. Five years later at the age of 32 he became one of the youngest professors in South African history. Throughout these years he was a committed Nationalist.

But in 1954 his life was turned upside when he was appointed to the technical staff of the Tomlinson Commission. The commission was set up to give flesh and bones to the apartheid thinking behind the segregation of Africans into their own territories. It recommended simultaneous economic and social development in order to sustain populations living in those areas. But the architect of apartheid, Hendrik Verwoerd, then Minister of Native Affairs and later Prime Minister, would not accept the development proposal. Olivier, increasingly opposed to the development of the apartheid system along Verwoerdian lines, left the party in 1960.

Verwoerd was furious and set out to undermine Olivier. He was instrumental in having him thrown out of the South African Bureau for Racial Affairs, an Afrikaans equivalent of the Institute for Race Relations and, under pressure from the authorities, previously sympathetic Afrikaner academics shunned their colleague. It was during this period in the early 1960s that he divorced his Afrikaner wife and married a Jewish South African called José who ran a hotel in Stellenbosch.

Despite these trials and tribulations Olivier was known for his gregarious and warm nature. His tutelage presented hundreds of traditionally-minded Afrikaans students with an alternative political perspective to which they might otherwise never have been exposed. Several went on to become involved in anti-apartheid politics and spoke of how they had been influenced by Olivier.

Almost inevitably Olivier was drawn into the political fray and for many years was a central figure on the opposition benches in parliament. In 1974 he became the United Party MP for Edenvale, a post he held for three years, and between 1980 and 1988 was an indirectly elected Progressive MP before he gave up his seat in early 1989 for Zach De Beer shortly before the PFP became the Democratic Party.

In addition to elected positions, he was director of research in the party. In that capacity he brought his academic knowledge and skills to bear on the political process, producing high quality analyses of policies and legislation. In many ways this helped to shape opposition to these measures and in some cases forced the amendment of discriminatory legislation.

According to friends in the last years of his life, Olivier was an admirer of F. W. de Klerk, the National Party leader who in 1990 lifted the ban on the African National Congress and released Nelson Mandela. After the elections in 1994 Olivier was reconciled to his former political home when he took up a low key research job in the National Party. One of his legacies is the United States South African Leadership Exchange Programme which continues to this day.

He is survived by his first wife and five sons from that marriage.

## ON THIS DAY

### August 2, 1866

*Franz Liszt (1811-1866), prolific composer and the greatest virtuoso pianist of his day, had a charismatic personality and attracted an enormous following by no means confined to the world of music.*

### DEATH OF LISZT.

VIENNA, AUG 1

Franz Liszt died last night at Bayreuth. About a week ago his illness was announced as a mere cold. He was already ill, however, when he arrived at Bayreuth, and it was contrary to his doctor's orders that he attended the performance of *Tristan und Isolde*, in the series of Wagner performances last Sunday, the 25th ult. He had to be carried in an armchair into his daughter's box. It was afterwards reported that he had been in a nervous, tearful state during the whole performance. On Tuesday his cold turned to inflammation of the lungs. He lost strength rapidly, and on Friday became delirious. The last Sacraments were administered to him yesterday, and he then had a glimmering of returning consciousness, but he never completely rallied. He died at the house of Herr Frohlich, near Wagner's villa Wahnfried.

Through a great part of his life Liszt was afflicted with a nervousness which almost amounted to hysteria, and this culminated at times in a religious melancholia nearly bordering on insanity. His friends tried several times to dissuade him from shutting himself up in a monastery. He had, however, almost entirely outgrown his malady when, in 1864, he took holy orders. Nor was there much remnant of nervousness in Liszt at ordinary times during these latter years. He often came to Vienna, and used to lodge in modest apartments occupied by his sister on a second floor in the Schottenhof. All day long his rooms were crowded with visitors and he seemed never to tire of chatting with his company. The last time he was in Vienna I called upon him, and found him surrounded as usual by musicians, musical critics, and opera singers of both sexes. All addressed him as master, and the ladies, as well as several of the men, kissed his hand in Austrian fashion—a form of salutation to which he lent himself with quite a pontifical complacency. He was very merry, and talked a great deal about his trip to England. I had a short conversation with him about music in our country, and he observed "England is the home of music," adding with a laugh "At least it is the home where musicians are best treated." He also remarked that there was so much congregational singing in English churches that our people in the mass probably sang more than any people on earth, and he was curious to know whether trained choirs and congregations practised much together on week days. "There ought to be congregational practice," he said; "the effect of a whole congregation singing together in good time is magnificent. The great pity is that in our churches we cannot get the people to sing."

Liszt had two daughters, one of whom was married to the French statesman, Emile Ollivier. She was of great intelligence, gentleness, and modesty, and was much admired by Parisian society during the brief period of her husband's Premiership in 1870, when she did the honours of his official residence in the Place Vendôme. She died some years ago. Liszt's other daughter, Cosima, was first married to Hans von Bülow, and afterwards to Richard Wagner. Liszt's funeral will take place on Tuesday. It is said that he will be buried at Bayreuth.

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# THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY AUGUST 2 1996

## NEWS

### 'Mad' cows can infect their calves

■ The Government's efforts to restore faith in the beef industry suffered a new setback yesterday after it disclosed evidence for the first time that "mad cow" disease can be passed from mother to calf.

The demolition of previous claims that the disease could only be passed through food threw its strategy for eradicating BSE into confusion. Ministers acknowledged that plans for the selective slaughter of 147,000 cows from previously infected herds would be rethought .......... **Pages 1, 2**

### Thousands of human embryos destroyed

■ The Official Solicitor refused to halt the destruction of thousands of human embryos, saying a child acquires legal rights only if it is born alive. He spoke as 33 fertility clinics began destroying more than 3,000 embryos .......... **Page 1**

### Olympics wife held

The wife of a senior Olympic Games official was arrested, seemingly under the influence of alcohol, after she allegedly swore at a policewoman and kneed her in the groin .......... **Page 1**

### British nurse drowns

A nurse drowned at the start of a South Pacific holiday to celebrate her 50th birthday and her sister's wedding anniversary. Margaret Lynch, from Meppershall, Bedfordshire, was overpowered by a freak wave .......... **Page 3**

### Royal baby goes home

The baby son of Lady Sarah Catto, 14th in line to the throne, emerged from the Portland Hospital in London, still officially without a name .......... **Page 3**

### Motorway blockage

The sudden closure of one of Britain's busiest motorway junctions for a year of repairs could be repeated on major routes throughout the country because of cuts in the roads maintenance programme .......... **Page 4**

### Eating to excess

Sardines contain so much vitamin B12 that they should only be available on prescription, it was claimed .......... **Page 5**

### Staying at home

Holidaymakers are spurning the heat, sea and sand of the Mediterranean and the Caribbean to stay in England .......... **Page 6**

### Tory recovery

The Tories have moved ahead of Labour as the party having the best policies on law and order and managing the economy, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times* .......... **Page 8**

### Defector's attack

Iraq's flag-bearer at the Olympics, after dramatically defecting, described the "concentration camp" his homeland has become and made allegations of brutality against a cousin of President Saddam Hussein .......... **Page 9**

### Redwood backs cuts

John Redwood endorsed an American welfare reform Bill that reverses the New Deal philosophy of Franklin Roosevelt and eliminates more than six decades of guaranteed federal government assistance to millions in the United States .......... **Page 10**

### Priebke freed

An Italian military court convicted the former SS Captain Erich Priebke of his part in the massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi occupied Rome but ordered that he be released immediately on the grounds of extenuating circumstances .......... **Page 11**

### Lebed's star dims

More than a month after General Aleksandr Lebed swept promised to cure Russia's ills and lead it into the next century, the fortunes of the gruff soldier have begun to dim .......... **Page 11**

### Weedy bulls lose their fighting spirit

■ Hard on the heels of "mad cow" disease, another bovine affliction has sent a frisson of panic through aficionados of the bull-ring: weedy bull disease. Many European bulls bred for the ring have become enfeebled, making them poor adversaries for even the meekest matador, due to a combination of wet weather, inbreeding and over-feeding .......... **Page 11**

Pumps to recycle the water used by the famous flight of 29 locks at Devizes on the Kennet and Avon Canal came into operation yesterday. The £1 million scheme allows the longest flight of broad locks in the country to be opened for the first time since 1951

## BUSINESS

**Electricity:** Yorkshire Electricity kicked off what is expected to be a fresh round of bonanzas for utility shareholders, with the promise of a 34.4 per cent hike in next year's dividend .......... **Page 21**

**Economy:** Consumer confidence is gradually improving across the country but there is still no real sign of an Eighties-style boom .......... **Page 21**

**Telecoms:** Deutsche Telekom is planning to mount a challenge to Mercury Communications and BT .......... **Page 21**

**Markets:** The FT-SE 100 index rose 30.7 points to close at 3733.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.6 to 84.7 after a rise from $1.5553 to $1.5568 and DM2.2910 to DM2.2946 .......... **Page 24**

## SPORT

**Olympic Games:** The issue of whether Carl Lewis should run the last leg of the sprint relay to end his Olympic career with a record ten gold medals has become a US national debate .......... **Page 40**

**Cricket:** Ed Giddins, of Sussex, will face a disciplinary hearing after being charged by the Test and County Cricket Board with using a banned substance and bringing the game into disrepute .......... **Page 34**

**Golf:** Santiago Luna, of Spain, and Thomas Bjorn, of Denmark, were joint leaders after the first round of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters in Sweden .......... **Page 32**

**Rugby:** Scott Gibbs is set to play his final game for St Helens rugby league club before returning to rugby union with Swansea .......... **Page 32**

## ARTS

**Summer snapshots:** Day Five of our series on top tourist attractions takes a ride through the depressing dives of Blackpool and wishes for something better .......... **Page 29**

**Cross cultures:** Benedict Nightingale discovers that even a Romanian theatre troupe can find some contemporary relevance in T.S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* .......... **Page 29**

**Pop debut:** Robbie Williams's singing skills show that his solo career looks set for success, but the writing and lyrical test is yet to come .......... **Page 30**

**Career perspective:** At the age of 37, OMD's Andy McCluskey looks back at his "boring" past with regret, and looks to the future with apprehension .......... **Page 31**

## FEATURES

**Tartan-skirted army:** Scottish women are taking over the world — or at least TV. Is it the accent or the sternness that makes them so good in current affairs? .......... **Page 12**

**Valerie Grove** talks to Professor John Scarisbrick, founder of Life, about the destruction of 3,000 frozen embryos .......... **Page 13**

**Winning streak:** Why no streakers in Atlanta? British sports events have had their share this year, but Americans would seem to be more prudish .......... **Page 13**

## EDUCATION

**Quick brush up:** Teenagers are volunteering to improve their skills or learn new ones in the holidays by attending a summer university that has been organised by Tower Hamlets .......... **Page 15**

**Hands off:** Education associations are not needed. Local strategy and political will can turn a failing school around, says a senior education officer .......... **Page 15**

## THE PAPERS

Right-wing extremists will concentrate on breaking police strength in Lower Saxony this weekend as they celebrate the anniversary of the death of Rudolf Hess two weeks in advance of the actual date. Neo-Nazis and punks will no doubt help each other's causes — each will want to promote the anger of the other group

—*Rheinische Post*

## TOMORROW

### IN THE TIMES

■ **WILD AT HEART**
**How Brigitte Bardot became France's most effective animal rights campaigner**

■ **WIN A HOLIDAY**
**Win a family trip to America in *1015*, the magazine for young *Times* readers**

## TV LISTINGS

**Preview:** Alan Parker (aka comedian Simon Munnery) hosts a mix of comedy and music, *London Shouting* (BBC2, 11.15pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond on a tale of two sitcoms .......... **Page 43**

## OPINION

### A crisis of confidence

Ministers are increasingly incredible over BSE. Science is no substitute for judgment and ministerial complacency will never reassure unless accompanied by a modicum of common sense .......... **Page 17**

### End of the new deal

Sixty-one years after F. D. Roosevelt promised the America of the Great Depression a New Deal, President Clinton is poised to sign a radical Bill to reform the American welfare system .......... **Page 17**

### A tale of two summers

The great British seaside holiday is still booming after a century of change .......... **Page 17**

## COLUMNS

**PETER RIDDELL**

The Tories are beginning to claw back some ground in the opinion polls, but their recovery is slow and patchy. The positive news for the party is that, leaving aside monthly fluctuations, its rating is improving slowly .......... **Page 8**

**BERNARD LEVIN**

*If parcels of boobies want to throw millions of pounds into the nearest* dustbin, Mr Carman has the right to use his gigantic talents to point out where the dustbins stand .......... **Page 16**

**PHILIP HOWARD**

Lord Moynihan saw himself as "the typical English gentleman". In the High Court, Sir Stephen Brown described him as "a thoroughly dishonest rogue". Both were right. He was that source of amusement in the comedy of manners, the rogue peer .......... **Page 16**

## OBITUARIES

**Professor John Lorber**, paediatrician; **Marie-Antoinette Ladd**, French governess to the Queen; **Nic Olivier**, anti-apartheid activist; **The Ven Ronald Cole**, Archdeacon of Leicester .......... **Page 19**

## LETTERS

Gillian Shephard's "premier league" plan for universities; Mstislav Rostropovich on Benjamin Britten: why we lose at the Olympics .......... **Page 17**

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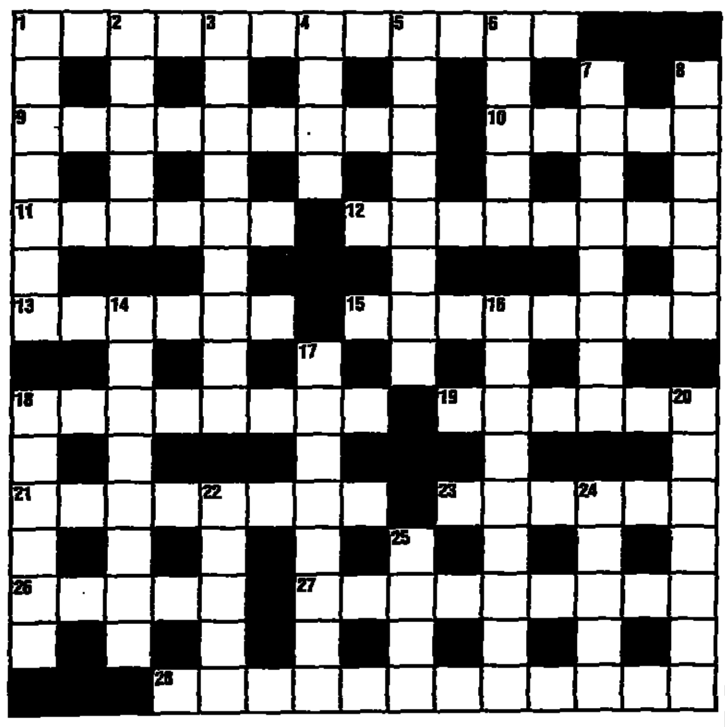

**ACROSS**

1 New planter initially gets pine for woodland (6,6).
9 Speaker, after a month, needed to get house in order? (9).
10 Party secure in the nation's regard (5).
11 Victor's wide shot missing centre of target (6).
12 Plant crew member brought to buccaneer (8).
13 Robber (Indian) employs lawyer (American) attached to firm (Italian) (6).
15 6 joining quiet female organisation in Scottish region (8).
18 Leaky vessel on cradle being repaired (8).
19 Sailor posted somewhere else (6).
21 Bigwig in a certain group (8).
23 State with very small port (6).
26 Fired explosive found in limber (5).
27 At risk telephoning (2,3,4).
28 Ate 'am and eggs, cooked and arranged for effect (5-7).

**DOWN**

1 Provided the tip due (7).
2 Nut ejected from Cape Canaveral (5).
3 European from a NW region, roughly (9).
4 Entertain a lot, by the sound of it (4).
5 God twice upset another god – something not often seen (4,4).
6 Wig that is worn (5).
7 Gift being presented in a case (8).
8 Ornamental band of woollen cloth (6).
14 Disaster as state suppresses friendly relations (8).
16 Man takes new wife, an islander (9).
17 Rushing to describe characteristic of the dolichocephalous (8).
18 Musician in a class that's exceptional (6).
20 One or two final parts (4-3).
22 Fortunate barrister's opening in case (5).
24 Topping plane in danger with this (5).
25 Jot half our letters (4).

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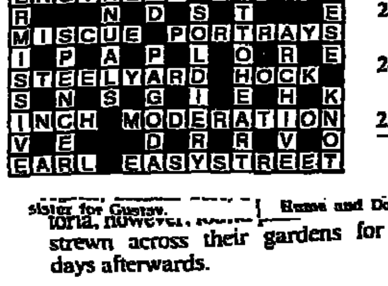

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## HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Poole Dorset 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath 0.44in; highest sunshine: Clacton Essex, 11.3hr

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## FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a mostly dry day with sunshine at times. Scattered showers are likely over western parts at first and a few showers may break out over northern areas during the day. It will be slightly warmer with mainly light winds.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will also have sunny periods with just a scattering of showers. Northern Scotland, however, will be mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. The rain is likely to become more persistent over northwest Scotland later in the day. Temperatures will be near average for the time of year.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** most places dry. Sunny periods. Wind west to northwest light to moderate. Feeling warmer. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** sunny spells, scattered showers. Wind west to northwest light to moderate. Warmer. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** some sunshine, a few showers developing. Wind west light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mainly cloudy, rain at times. Wind west moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **NW Scotland:** mostly cloudy, rain becoming more persistent. Misty. Wind west moderate locally fresh later. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook for Saturday and Sunday:** rain clearing the far north. Sunny periods elsewhere. Becoming warmer.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Scotland, London, low; N Ireland, low to moderate; E Anglia, Wales, S East, S West, moderate, N England, Midlands, moderate to high.

*This is the final pollen forecast of the year*

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | 4 | | | | |
| Anglesey | 7.4 | 0.01 | 19 | 66 | b |
| Aspatria | 7.5 | 0.03 | 15 | 59 | r |
| Aviemore | 9.5 | 0.05 | 17 | 63 | sh |
| Belfast | 1.7 | 0.14 | 16 | 61 | sh |
| Birmingham | 6.5 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | sh |
| Bognor R | 6.5 | 0.01 | 20 | 68 | s |
| Bournem'th | 7.0 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | s |
| Bristol | 5.9 | 0.02 | 19 | 66 | sh |
| Buxton | 3.7 | 0.07 | 15 | 59 | r |
| Cardiff | 6.6 | 0.05 | 20 | 68 | sh |
| Clacton | 11.3 | - | 21 | 70 | s |
| Colwyn Bay | X | | | | |
| Cromer | 2.2 | - | 21 | 70 | c |
| Dunbar | 6.2 | - | 20 | 68 | s |
| Edinburgh | X | | | | |
| Eskdalemuir | 1.2 | 0.31 | 15 | 59 | r |
| Exmouth | 4.6 | 0.01 | 22 | 72 | b |
| Falmouth | 6.2 | 0.01 | 18 | 64 | s |
| Fishguard | X | . | | | |
| Folkestone | 4.6 | - | 20 | 68 | c |
| Glasgow | 6.2 | 0.06 | 19 | 66 | sh |
| Guernsey | X | | | | |
| Hastings | 5.7 | - | 20 | 68 | s |
| Hayling I. | 7.0 | - | 22 | 72 | s |
| Herne Bay | 4.6 | - | 22 | 72 | c |
| Hove | 5.6 | - | 19 | 66 | s |
| Hunstanton | X | - | 21 | 70 | b |
| Isle of Man | 6.4 | 0.01 | 18 | 64 | b |
| Jersey | 5.1 | - | 22 | 72 | s |
| Kinloss | 4.8 | 0.01 | 18 | 64 | sh |
| Leeds | 1.0 | 0.31 | 17 | 63 | c |
| Lerwick | 9.2 | 0.17 | 14 | 57 | sh |
| Leuchars | 7.4 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | sh |
| Littlehmptn | 6.8 | - | 20 | 68 | s |
| London | 5.2 | - | 22 | 72 | b |
| Lowestoft | 2.7 | - | 22 | 72 | s |
| Manchester | 3.6 | 0.01 | 18 | 64 | sh |
| Margate | 4.2 | - | 21 | 70 | b |
| Minehead | 5.9 | 0.01 | 20 | 68 | b |
| Morecambe | 6.1 | - | 17 | 63 | s |
| Newcastle | 3.5 | 0.02 | 17 | 63 | sh |
| Newquay | 5.7 | 0.01 | 19 | 66 | s |
| Norwich | 3.9 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | b |
| Oxford | 7.2 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | sh |
| Penzance | X | 0.02 | 21 | 70 | sh |
| Poole | 6.4 | - | 24 | 75 | s |
| Prestatyn | X | 0.03 | 19 | 66 | b |
| Ross-o-wye | 5.6 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | sh |
| Ryde | 7.6 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | s |
| Salcombe | 8.3 | - | 21 | 70 | s |
| Sandown | 7.0 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | s |
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| Shanklin | 8.1 | 0.01 | X | X | s |
| Shrewsbury | 7.0 | 0.01 | 21 | 70 | b |
| Skegness | 4.6 | 0.06 | 21 | 70 | r |
| Southend | X | - | 23 | 73 | sh |
| Southport | 4.2 | 0.01 | 18 | 64 | b |
| Southsea | 6.3 | - | 21 | 70 | s |
| Stornoway | 8.5 | 0.17 | 16 | 61 | sh |
| Swanage | 8.2 | - | 20 | 68 | s |
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| Torquay | 5.5 | - | 22 | 72 | b |
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| West-s-mare | 4.5 | - | 21 | 70 | b |
| Weymouth | 7.1 | 0.01 | 19 | 66 | s |

## ABROAD

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| Ajaccio | 27 | 81 | s |
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| B Aires | 21 | 70 | s |
| Bahrain | 40 | 104 | s |
| Bangkok | 31 | 88 | f |
| Barbados | 29 | 84 | f |
| Barcelona | 27 | 81 | f |
| Beirut | 30 | 86 | s |
| Belgrade | 22 | 72 | c |
| Berlin | 20 | 68 | f |
| Bermuda | X | X | X |
| Biarritz | 22 | 72 | c |
| Bordx | 24 | 75 | f |
| Brussels | 19 | 66 | c |
| Budapst | 25 | 77 | s |
| Cairo | 36 | 97 | s |
| Cape Tn | 15 | 59 | s |
| Ch'church | 8 | 46 | - |
| Chicago | 22 | 72 | s |
| Cologne | 21 | 70 | f |
| Corfu | 29 | 84 | f |
| C'phagn | 18 | 64 | f |
| Dublin | 15 | 59 | r |
| Dubrovnik | 28 | 82 | c |
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| Frankfurt | 25 | 77 | f |
| Funchal | 24 | 75 | s |
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| L Angels | 24 | 75 | s |
| L Palmas | 30 | 86 | s |
| Le Touqt | 18 | 64 | f |
| Lisbon | 26 | 79 | s |
| Locarno | 27 | 81 | s |
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| Luxor | 42 | 108 | s |
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| Majorca | 29 | 84 | s |
| Malaga | 27 | 81 | s |
| Malta | X | X | X |
| Melb'rne | 11 | 52 | f |
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| Miami | 32 | 90 | s |
| Milan | 30 | 86 | s |
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| Munich | 24 | 75 | f |
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| N York | 22 | 72 | f |
| Nairobi | X | X | X |
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| Prague | 23 | 73 | f |
| Reykjavik | 15 | 59 | f |
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| S Paulo | 17 | 63 | s |
| Salzburg | 25 | 77 | f |
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| Sydney | 17 | 63 | s |
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| Tokyo | 31 | 88 | s |
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| Tunis | 32 | 90 | s |
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| Venice | 27 | 81 | s |
| Vienna | 25 | 77 | s |
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Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday. X - not available

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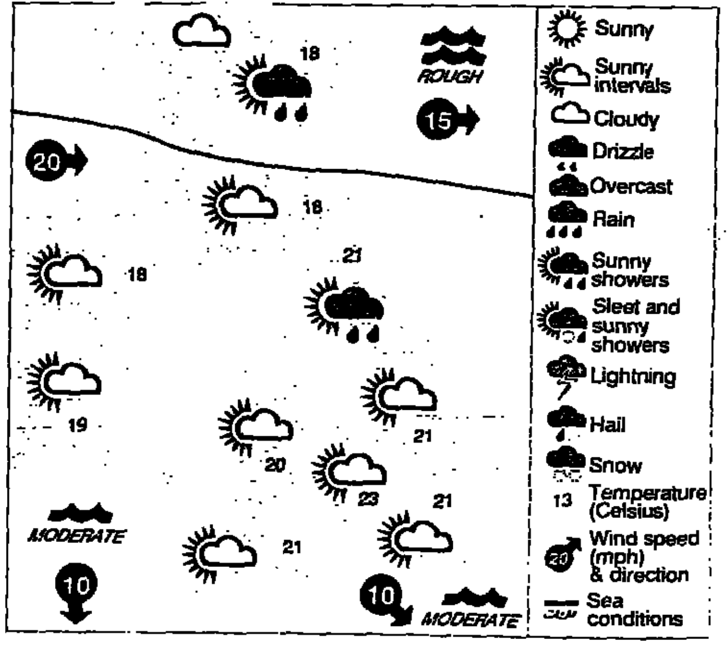

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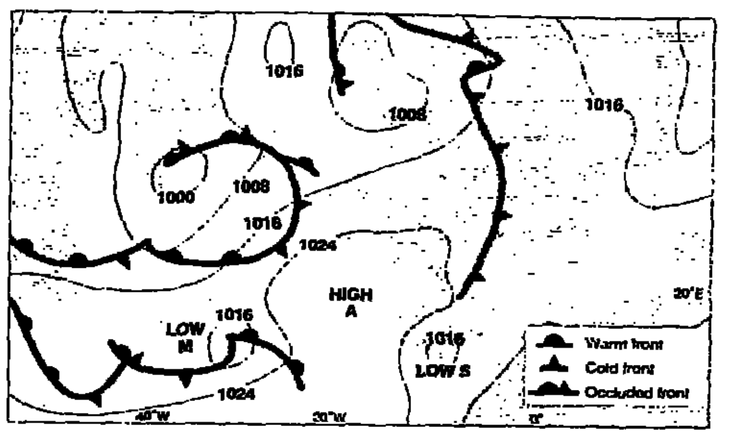

## HIGH TIDES

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| Avonmouth | 9.10 | 14.1 | 9.30 | 14.3 |
| Belfast | 0.38 | 3.8 | 1.09 | 3.5 |
| Cardiff | 9.00 | 12.8 | 9.20 | 12.9 |
| Devonport | 7.50 | 5.5 | 8.07 | 5.8 |
| Dover | 0.37 | 6.9 | 12.57 | 7.1 |
| Dublin (N Wall) | 0.52 | 4.4 | 1.33 | 4.1 |
| Falmouth | 7.05 | 5.2 | 7.27 | 5.5 |
| Greenock | 2.11 | 3.8 | 2.42 | 3.4 |
| Harwich | 1.25 | 4.4 | 1.43 | 4.3 |
| Holyhead | - | - | 12.16 | 5.7 |
| Hull (Albert D) | 7.54 | 8.3 | 8.31 | 7.8 |
| Ilfracombe | 7.50 | 9.8 | 8.18 | 10.0 |
| King's Lynn | 7.51 | 7.6 | 8.17 | 7.0 |

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| Leith | 4.16 | 6.0 | 4.49 | 5.9 |
| Liverpool | 0.46 | 10.2 | 1.16 | 9.6 |
| Lowestoft | 11.12 | 2.8 | 11.57 | 2.5 |
| Margate | 1.51 | 5.1 | 1.59 | 5.1 |
| Milford Haven | 3.03 | 7.2 | 8.25 | 7.2 |
| Newquay | 6.51 | 7.2 | 7.12 | 7.3 |
| Oban | 7.27 | 3.9 | 7.53 | 4.1 |
| Penzance | 6.27 | 5.7 | 6.49 | 6.0 |
| Portland | 8.52 | 2.2 | 9.10 | 2.4 |
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| Southampton | 0.16 | 4.3 | 12.46 | 4.8 |
| Swansea | 8.14 | 9.9 | 8.34 | 10.1 |
| Tees | 5.21 | 5.8 | 5.57 | 5.6 |
| Walton-on-Naze | 1.21 | 4.5 | 1.40 | 4.5 |

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Sun sets: 8.47 pm
Moon sets 9.30 am
Moon rises 10.07 pm
Last quarter August 6

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Bristol 8.56 pm to 5.38 am
Edinburgh 9.18 pm to 5.21 am
Manchester 9.03 pm to 5.28 am
Penzance 9.03 pm to 5.54 am

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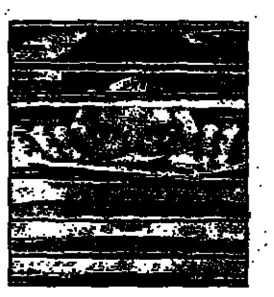

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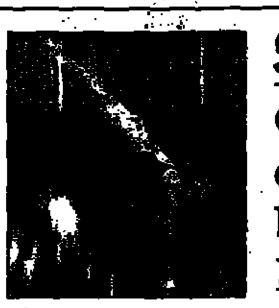

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# Yorkshire Electricity to boost dividend by 34%

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

YORKSHIRE Electricity yesterday kicked off what is *expected* to be a fresh round of bonanzas for utility *shareholders*, with the promise of a 34.4 per cent rise in *next year's dividend*. The move was seen as an attempt to thwart a windfall tax on privatised utilities.

Chris Hampson, chairman, revealed plans for the large increase in pay-out at the company's annual meeting in Grimsby. He said Yorkshire would deliver the value to shareholders because of its "continuing excellent performance". The company, one of the five independent regional electricity companies, also renewed its remit to spend about £110 million buying back 10 per cent of its own shares.

City analysts are expecting a spate of shareholder bonanzas from the utilities as the possibility of a Labour government — *with its threat of a windfall* tax — moves closer.

A report from SBC Warburg, the broker, advises investors *to expect returns of* about £1.3 billion from several utilities in 1996-97, *as they* gear up in the approach to the election. *It expects the more* politically neutral share buybacks to gain in popularity.

Electricity companies are likely to deliver far greater returns because they are less limited than the water companies by capital expenditure demands.

Since 1994 more than £5.8 billion has been returned by utility companies to shareholders in share buy-backs and special dividends. National Power made corporate history several weeks ago with a £1.1 billion special dividend.

Nigel Hawkins, utilities analyst with Yamaichi, said that the threat of a utilities tax from a *new government* was a consideration for companies *planning shareholder returns*. "They don't really want to *serve up their balance sheets* on a platter to a Labour government," he said.

On Wednesday, Thames Water spent *£224.5 million* buying back 10 per cent of its shares.

Yorkshire hinted yesterday at fresh developments beyond the dividend increase and buyback authorisation. The company said that its board "intends to keep the issue of further returns of value to shareholders under review".

Yorkshire's net dividend will rise to 52.66p per share, compared with a 10 per cent increase *previously* forecast. The increase will be cut back to more modest proportions in 1997-98, with the company *expecting a 7 per cent jump on* the 96-97 figure.

*The scale of the increase* surprised the City and Yorkshire's *share price jumped* 26p, to 707p. Expectations of *similar action across the sector* helped to lift the shares of a number of other regional electricity companies.

*Utilities* are expected to become an increasingly emotive political subject as election campaigning starts in earnest. Labour is thought to be nurturing an armoury of fat-cat offensives as it reinforces its arguments for a windfall tax, which could net up to £5 billion.

Mr Hampson told shareholders that their boost was complemented by benefits to customers. He announced a *6.8 per cent reduction* in electricity prices for domestic and *small business customers*, making Yorkshire's electricity *the cheapest* in the country. However, 5.7 per cent of that *decrease has been fuelled* by the reduction in the fossil fuel *levy announced recently by* the electricity regulator after *the flotation of British Energy.*

# Deutsche set to challenge both BT and Mercury

BY ERIC REGULY

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM is planning a serious challenge to Mercury Communications and BT in the corporate telecommunications market by joining forces with Bell Cablemedia and Videotron.

The link with the two cable companies would give Deutsche Telekom access to the bulk of the business clients in Europe's financial capital because their franchises span Westminster, the City of London and Canary Wharf.

Bell Cablemedia and Videotron, in turn, would get an instant international partner because Deutsche Telekom, along with France Telecom and Sprint, the third-largest American long-distance carrier, is a *member of the Global One* partnership. Global One competes *with Concert*, BT's joint venture with MCI of America, *and Unisource, which* was formed by AT&T and several *smaller European carriers.*

Sources close to the talks said that equity *links* would tie Deutsche Telekom and the two cable companies together. Deutsche Telekom would buy up to 30 per cent of Bell Cablemedia, the third-largest cable company. Bell Cablemedia, in turn, would bid for Videotron, the sixth-largest cable company.

Videotron, controlled by Groupe Videotron of Montreal, has been on the auction block for months. Videotron is expected to go to Bell Cablemedia because it already owns 26 per cent. Goldman Sachs is handling the Videotron sale, and Deutsche Telekom has hired Robert Fleming & Co to help it to build a telecoms presence in *Britain.*

None of the companies would comment, though it is understood that the talks are well under way, *with the goal* of an announcement by the end of the month. Bringing Deutsche Telekom and Bell Cablemedia together faces complications because of the latter's ownership structure. Bell Cablemedia is owned 42 per cent by Bell Canada International, 12.3 per cent by Jones Intercable, of Denver, and 12.8 per cent by Cable and Wireless, which owns 80 per cent of Mercury Communications.

Bell Canada International in principle supports the idea of bringing Deustche Telekom on board, but C&W, observers said, may resist such a proposal because the new group could emerge as a leading competitor to Mercury in the business market.

Another loose end is Eurobell, a relatively small cable company that is indirectly owned by Deutsche Tele*kom and a trust, the beneficiary* of which is J. Paul Getty. *Eurobell, which considers its* current ownership structure *unworkable, may decide to* link with Bell Cablemedia and Videotron if Deutsche Telekom completes the deal.

☐ Cable companies have complained to Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog, that BT is still approaching ex-directory cable customers to try to win them back.

The complaint comes less than two weeks after Oftel accepted BT's explanation that it did not intentionally use confidential information when it contacted the customers. BT blamed the calls on a computer encoding error.

☐ TeleWest Communications, the largest cable company, yesterday said Stephen Davidison is to become acting chief executive. Mr Davidison, who was finance director, replaces Alan Michels, who *resigned on Wednesday.*

**BUSINESS TODAY**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100 | 3734.4 | (+31.2) |
| Yield | 4.11% | |
| FT-SE A All share | 1848.04 | (+12.60) |
| Nikkei | 20984.83 | (+292.00) |
| New York: | | |
| Dow Jones | 5554.81 | (+25.90)* |
| S&P Composite | 645.15 | (+5.20)* |
| Federal Funds | 5¼%* | (7%) |
| Long Bond | 89[illegible]* | (87[illegible]) |
| Yield | *6.84%** | *(6.89%)* |
| *3-mth Interbank* | 5¾% | (5¾%) |
| Liffe long gilt future (Sep) | 107[illegible] | (106[illegible]) |
| New York: | | |
| $ | *1.5576** | (1.5566) |
| London: | | |
| $ | 1.5572 | (1.5571) |
| DM | 2.2946 | (2.2933) |
| FFr | 7.7891 | (7.7819) |
| SFr | 1.8698 | (1.8638) |
| Yen | 166.24 | (166.18) |
| £ Index | 84.7 | (84.6) |
| London: | | |
| DM | *1.4735** | (1.4728) |
| FFr | 5.0025* | (4.9960) |
| SFr | 1.2005* | (1.1975) |
| Yen | 106.72* | (106.88) |
| $ Index | 95.6 | (95.6) |

*Tokyo close Yen 107.29*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent 15-day (Oct) | $18.55 | ($18.60) |
| London close | $386.65 | ($385.25) |

* denotes midday trading price

## Shell target

John Jennings, chairman of Shell Transport & Trading, said the oil group was on target to raise its performance *in spite of a downturn in* profits for the second quarter. *Analysts have reduced full-*year forecasts.
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## Defence deal

The consolidation of the US defence industry took a big step forward with the $3 billion purchase by Boeing, the world's largest aircraft manufacturer, of the defence and avionics businesses of Rockwell International.
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## Blow over Yorkshire Water debt

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

*YORKSHIRE WATER* suffered a fresh blow yes*terday when* Moody's credit agency downgraded *its debt and raised fears* over its water resources.

*Moody's said its outlook* for Yorkshire Water was *negative. "If the current* plan proves to be inadequate, the *water business* faces further significant *expenditures* and increased operational risk."

The agency *said there* were concerns over whether *the management* would deliver infrastructure spending *without material* increases over planned levels. *Moody's downgraded* long-term debt from A1 to Aa3. *The short-term rating* is unaffected.

# Consumer confidence is lifting but not booming

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

CONSUMER confidence is gradually improving across the country but there is no sign of a 1980s-style boom, according to a survey published today by Business Strategies, the economic consultancy.

David Fell, the director responsible for the quarterly consumer survey, said that the consumer side of the economy was picking up strongly. However, he gave warning that it was the generally high *level* of confidence that was impressive rather than any sign of rapid improvement.

The proportion of people *who* feel optimistic rather than pessimistic about the economic *situation* was double that recorded two years ago but *still slightly* lower than the same time last year. Optimism about household finances was about the same as a year ago but there was a definite, although small, improvement in the proportion of people more willing to take the risk of a major purchase.

The overall measure of consumer sentiment — 15 — was the same as in the first and third quarters of last year but nevertheless marked a large improvement from the 10 recorded two years ago.

The Business Strategies finding came after another survey yesterday from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, which showed that British manufacturing expanded marginally for the second month in a row. It also showed that, for the second month running, it is production and orders of consumer goods that have been the most buoyant sector. Orders of investment goods, which had been falling for five months, also returned to growth.

The overall Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 50.9 in July, compared with 50.7 in June. Output rose but at a slightly lower rate than in June. Any figure above 50 shows manufacturing is expanding, while a figure below that shows a contraction.

The most stunning element of the survey was that the institute's Prices Index fell to a new record low, proof that no inflationary pressures are emanating from industry and backing forecasts that retail prices are set to fall further.

# House price rise 'highest for 7 years'

BY OUR CITY STAFF

HOUSE prices rose last month at their highest rate for almost seven years, according to figures today from the Halifax Building Society. Prices for all types of homes were 5.3 per cent ahead of July last year, the fastest pace of increase since October 1989 and up from 4.0 per cent in June.

The cost of a property rose 0.5 per cent between June and July after a 0.4 downward blip between May and June, the only monthly fall for almost a year.

A spokesman for the Halifax, the UK's largest mortgage lender, said July's reversal of June's small fall supported the society's view that prices should remain broadly stable over the summer before starting to edge up again towards the end of the year.

# Psion paid £1.5m in fees over Amstrad

BY JASON NISSÉ

Potter: fees relatively "modest"

PSION, the maker of hand-held computers, spent £1.5 million in fees to City firms that investigated whether it should go ahead with its aborted £230 million bid approach for Amstrad, the *electronics* group run by Alan Sugar.

David Potter, Psion chairman, said *the fees included work* on assessing other potential purchases, and added: "They are *modest when compared* with what they would have been had we proceeded with the transaction."

Psion employed two merchant banks, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Charterhouse, two firms of lawyers, Slaughter & May and Paisners, and Arthur Andersen, the accountant, and Brunswick, the public relations firm. It began talking to Amstrad — after an approach by Mr Sugar — only in May and ended the talks last month when the two sides failed to agree on a price.

Even at top City rates of £300 an hour, the fees equate to 5,000 person hours on the case, or 3.5 professionals working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for all of the negotiations.

*Mike Langley, Psion* finance director, said that the fees were agreed before the talks. *"This was a potentially* extremely important acquisition for Psion and we needed the fullest and most professional advice," he said.

Psion's declaration will fuel the debate on City fees, fired by disclosures that Granada's £3.9 billion bid for Forte cost £100 million and that the £3.2 billion merger of Lucas Industries and Varity will cost £29 million in fees.

Psion wrote off the costs in full in its half-year figures, brought forward to quell speculation about strategy after the Amstrad deal fell apart. Pre-tax profits, after writing off the £1.5 million, rose 27 per cent, to £6.5 million, underwritten largely by the success of Psion 3a palmtop computers. *Earnings per share rose by 18 per* cent, to 5.88p. An interim dividend of *0.65p (0.5p) is due on September 27.*

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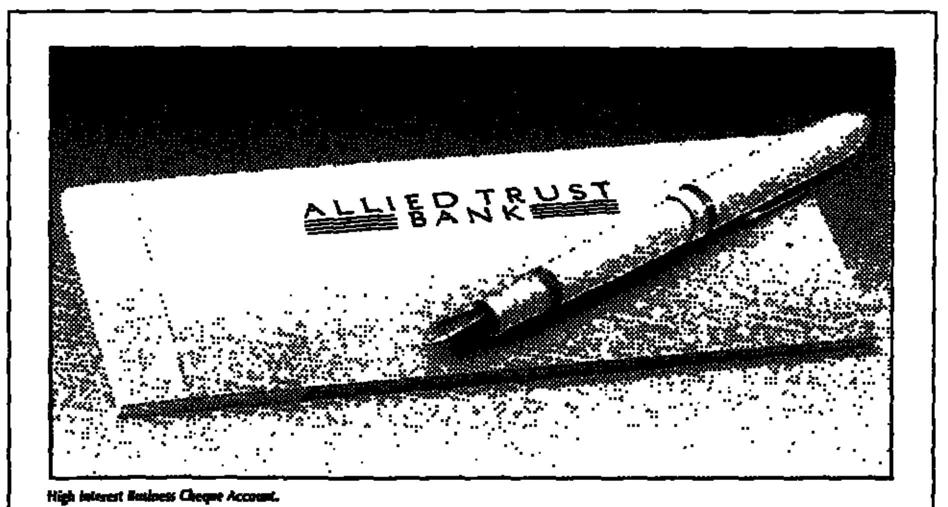

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# Far East sales help lift profit at Rotork

By Fraser Nelson

CONTINUING demand from the Far East helped Rotork, the world leader in valve actuators, to offset sluggish trading in Europe and the UK, increasing pre-tax profits by 23 per cent to £9.1 million in the six months to June 30.

The company said that sales to the US have returned to normal levels, after having disappointed last year, and exports to Latin America have risen sharply. Group turnover was 15 per cent ahead at £45.7 million.

Its UK sector was hit by a lack of demand from British water companies, which are drawing to the close of their spending on sewage treatment equipment, to comply with a 1991 EU directive. This slowing of demand saw UK sales dip below 15 per cent of group total for the first time.

Bill Whiteley, chief executive, said that its Exeeco plant in Leeds had fully recovered from the trading difficulties it ran into last year. He added that the order book was 19 per cent ahead of last year.

Rotork Instruments and Rotork Analysis, subsidiaries which monitor pollution and emission, had a difficult first half. The company said their development would gather pace in the next six months.

Its cash pile was 23 per cent larger at £26.5 million. From this, the interim dividend was increased by 43 per cent to 3p. Earnings rose by 1.3p to 6.3p per share.

Bill Whiteley, chief executive of Rotork, saw its UK sector hit by lack of demand from British water companies, which are winding down their spending

## TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.10 | 1.94 |
| Austria Sch | 17.15 | 15.65 |
| Belgium Fr | 50.27 | 45.97 |
| Canada $ | 2.246 | 2.086 |
| Cyprus Cyp£ | 0.745 | 0.690 |
| Denmark Kr | 9.44 | 8.64 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.56 | 6.91 |
| France Fr | 8.19 | 7.54 |
| Germany Dm | 2.45 | 2.24 |
| Greece Dr | 381 | 356 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.67 | 11.67 |
| Iceland | 113 | 93 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.01 | 0.93 |
| Israel Shk | 5.30 | 4.65 |
| Italy Lira | 2471 | 2316 |
| Japan Yen | 181.10 | 165.10 |
| Malta | 0.594 | 0.539 |
| Netherlds Gld | 2.727 | 2.497 |
| New Zealand $ | 2.41 | 2.19 |
| Norway Kr | 10.46 | 9.66 |
| Portugal Esc | 247.50 | 229.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 7.60 | 6.80 |
| Spain Pta | 202.00 | 189.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.92 | 10.12 |
| Switzerland Fr | 1.99 | 1.82 |
| Turkey Lira | 132770 | 124770 |
| USA $ | 1.651 | 1.521 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

# Shell confident it will shake off slump in petrochemicals

By Carl Mortished

JOHN JENNINGS, chairman of Shell Transport & Trading, said the Shell oil group was on target to raise its performance in spite of a downturn in profits for the second quarter.

The continuing slump in the petrochemicals market and weak refining margins offset a sharp rise in profits from exploration and productions. Shell's net income for the second quarter was down 9 per cent on a current-cost basis to £1.19 billion, causing some City analysts to mark down their forecasts for full-year profits.

Half-year profits rose 9 per cent to a current-cost £2.8 billion before special charges of £119 million. The strengthening of sterling in the second quarter resulted in a loss of £60 million. Mr Jennings said: "We believe we are still on the way to achieve our targets. We have no cause for serious concern."

The Anglo Dutch oil multinational set itself the objective of raising its return on average capital employed to 12 per cent, and over the 12 months to June averaged 10.2 per cent. Shell Transport shares slipped back 12p to 911½p yesterday.

Shell's chemicals business suffered a 54 per cent slump in profits in the second quarter to £184 million, although it was an improvement on the first quarter.

Mr Jennings said there was a slight improvement in margins. "It looks as though we are off the bottom," he said. However, he gave warning that difficult trading conditions would continue without a significant upturn in major European economies.

Pressure on refining margins in Asia left profits from refining and marketing outside the US static at £392 million. Mr Jennings suggested that the pressure on petrol retailers in the UK might cause some to quit the business. "There are many in the market today who may be considering whether this is something they wish to preserve," he said. Shell is considering a restructuring of its oil refineries in Europe and expects to make an announcement by the end of the year.

Profits from the upstream oil exploration business rose 44 per cent to £670 million, buoyed by a surge in the average oil price to $19.50 a barrel in the second quarter.

Oil production was 2 per cent down because of asset disposals, but gas volumes rose 14 per cent, mainly in the North Sea and The Netherlands. Mr Jennings predicted little change in oil prices in the second half, suggesting that the market had absorbed the potential impact of a resumption of Iraqi oil exports.

Current-cost earnings per share fell from 14p to 12.9p. The interim dividend is expected to be announced on September 12.

# Lasmo says it is clear of US ban

By Carl Mortished

Darby: exploration costs

LASMO, the oil exploration company, says that it will not be affected by American legislation banning companies from trading with states accused by the US Government of sponsoring terrorism.

Lasmo has interests in Libya, which, like Iran and Iraq, is subject to the US ban. However, Joe Darby, Lasmo's chief executive, yesterday said that he did not believe that the new legislation would affect existing agreements. Lasmo is drilling a well offshore from Benghazi and seeking partners to expand the drilling programme.

The company, which has a much larger exploration programme in Algeria, yesterday reported net profits of £47 million for the six months to June 30, up from £22 million in 1995 first half. There was a £23 million gain from selling Lasmo's Nova Scotia assets, offset by higher tax and finance costs.

Mr Darby said that second-half results would be sensitive to the price of oil, strong in the first half, and could be affected by higher exploration spending and finance costs.

Earnings per share rose from 1.4p to 3.9p. Lasmo said that, in line with stated policy, it will continue to pay an annual dividend of 1.25p "until such time as an increase can be justified". It said that the intended dividend for 1996 will be considered by the annual meeting in 1997, and is expected to be paid as a foreign income dividend.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Construction output and jobs threatened

BRITAIN'S construction industry yesterday gave warning of a further fall in output, and the loss of 30,000 more jobs, in the coming year — although it forecast a return to growth after that. The Construction Industry Employers' Council (CIEC), in its latest quarterly economic report, said it expected output to fall 1 per cent this year, but said overall growth would then be about 2 per cent in 1997.

Warning that the downtrend in the industry's prospects has only recently bottomed out, the industry was sceptical about some Government interpretations of favourable prospects for the industry. Martin Laing, CIEC chairman, said: "The reality is different. The industry is only now showing signs of a slow recovery from its renewed recession." Stressing that market conditions in areas such as contracting and civil engineering remained "harsh", he said the "prospects for most companies, and particularly smaller firms, have yet to show major improvement".

### Hinchliffe hearing

A HEARING to decide whether Stephen Hinchliffe, the controversial Sheffield businessman, should be struck off as a director will not take place until January 23 at the earliest. District Judge Ward at Newcastle District Registry gave Mr Hinchliffe, the founder of Facia, the second largest private retailer, until October 24 to file his evidence against the proceedings and the Department of Trade and Industry until January 16 to respond to this evidence. Mr Hinchliffe built his high street business by buying struggling retailers such as Sock Shop, Freeman Hardy Willis and Saxone.

### Lloyd's warns names

LLOYD'S of London has told names who have launched a last ditch effort at securing a better settlement that the threat of legal action will not produce further concessions. The Paying Names Action Group, representing 3,000 members who paid their Lloyd's bills promptly, applied yesterday for a judicial review of the £3.2 billion settlement, which they say treats them unfairly. They are likely to hear early next week whether the review may go ahead. The group claims that Lloyd's has exceeded its powers. Tony Welford, chairman of the group, said: "Lloyd's has to recognise its most loyal supporters."

### Nat Power in US deal

NATIONAL POWER yesterday completed a £105 million deal to buy a gas-fired power station in Massachusetts. The purchase of the plant at Milford from Enron and Jones Capital brings to six the number of power stations in the US owned by National Power. The generator recently struck an agreement to take a 26 per cent stake in a plant in Pakistan. Both National Power, the UK's largest generator, and PowerGen, the other main player, are expanding overseas interests to tap expanding markets and to grow their businesses now they face increased competition in generation at home.

### AIM reaches 200

THE Alternative Investment Market will be welcoming its 200th member today, as SCi Entertainment comes to the market with a capitalisation of £17.4 million. The company, which produces CD-Roms, is placing 3.36 million shares at 149p through Guinness Mahon & Co. It will be one of the few AIM stocks to have traded profitably since its inception, making pre-tax profits of £277,000 in the two months to April 30, on sales of £915,000. It is due to raise £4.07 million from the placing, which it will put towards program development.

### Rand hits fresh lows

SOUTH AFRICA'S embattled rand continued its plunge yesterday, hitting new lows against the pound and the mark. It closed at R4.50 against the dollar, and sank to R7.01 against the pound, and R3.0816 against the mark. Currency traders were blamed for the fall, which economists believe is unwarranted. Technical charts predicting price moves also paint a gloomy picture. The falls were driven by a number of factors, including recurring rumours — frequently denied — that Chris Stals, Governor of the Reserve Bank, intends to resign.

### Black Arrow stems fall

BLACK ARROW GROUP, the office-furniture supplier, said a flurry of activity in the last month of its financial year stemmed an expected drop in pre-tax profits, which fell only 1.5 per cent to £2.47 million in the year to March 31. The group, which issued a profits warning last November, increased earnings to 6.73p per share (6.45p) in spite of a 13 per cent drop in sales to £21.4 million. The final dividend was raised to 2.4p (2.1p), payable on October 8, making a total of 3.4p (3.1p).

### Huntingdon recovers

HUNTINGDON International, the life-sciences company, returned to profit in the first half, reporting £2.6 million pre-tax for the six months to June 30, compared with a loss of £28.4 million for the same period last year. Orders were up 10 per cent on the same period last year with strong growth in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, agrochemical and industrial chemicals. The company is recruiting technical and scientific staff for its laboratories to meet demand. No dividend is being paid.

### Wise holds interim

DIFFICULT trading conditions affected Leslie Wise, the textile group, as its pre-tax profits eased to £1.41 million (£1.51 million) in the six months to May 31. Margins were tightened by demand for higher quality, which reduced turnover to £32.3 million and dragged down operating profits 23 per cent to £1.58 million. The group said the long winter had pushed its spring/summer season into a late start, but trading had picked up in June and July. An unchanged interim of 1.75p will be paid on October 1, from earnings which fell to 2.07p (2.88p) a share.

# TI sets acquisition ceiling at £350m

By Alasdair Murray

TI GROUP, the engineering company, is to continue looking for bolt-on acquisitions but is not considering a major acquisition in the near future.

Sir Christopher Lewinton, chairman, said the company did not want to become deal-driven at the expense of its other operations. TI would concentrate on bolt-on deals between £50 million and £300 million. His comments, coupled with a mixed trading outlook caused some market jitters, but shares recovered to close unchanged, at 525p.

Lewinton: bolt-on deals

TI said that while the North American market was strong and aerospace orders were increasing, the European market remained difficult. TI unveiled a 43 per cent increase in half-year profits, to £125 million, while profits excluding the exceptional gain from the sale of three non-core businesses, rose 19 per cent, to £104 million.

Total sales rose 4 per cent, to £895 million, and the group operating margin increased from 11 to 12.1 per cent. John Crane, the industrial seals business, increased operating profits by 16 per cent, to £48 million, with current order books in line with last year.

Bundy, the automotive tubing division, achieved a 10 per cent increase in profits, to £40.5 million, with orders slightly ahead of last year and new contracts coming on stream for Daewoo in North America and Bosch in Spain. Dowty Aerospace increased profits by 18 per cent, to £20.7 million. The dividend was increased by 9 per cent, to 4.75p, payable on October 8.

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## Dow surge gives a boost to European stock markets

# Signs of US economy cooling

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

WALL Street rose strongly yesterday, providing a fillip to European stock markets, after evidence that the American economy may have started to cool down from its bumper performance in the spring.

At one point, the Dow Jones industrial average surged by more than 50 points, lifting London shares, which had been moving sideways for most of the session. The FTSE 100 index closed 31.2 points higher at 3,734.4.

The positive trigger came from the latest US purchasing managers' report that suggested manufacturing activity had slowed last month from June's rapid pace. The purchasing managers' index fell to 50.2 from 54.3. Production, new orders and new export orders all indicated reduced rates of growth.

This report was interpreted by stock and bond markets as arguing against an interest rate rise when the Federal Open Market Committee meets on August 20.

Backing up this view were some benign inflation figures that were published along with second-quarter gross domestic product figures. The economy grew at an annual rate of 4.2 per cent, the fastest rate for more than two years and more than twice that seen in the first quarter.

However, the two inflation measures in the GDP report slowed down. One of them — the implicit price deflator — grew at an annual rate of 1.8 per cent in the second quarter, compared with 2.2 per cent in the first. However, business investment spending grew by only 0.5 per cent after growth of 11.6 per cent in the first quarter.

☐ The Bank of France made a symbolic interest rate cut yesterday, but left its key intervention rate unchanged. Analysts said that the move reflected confidence in the franc and acknowledged that the French economy was struggling. However, the fact that the bank felt unable to cut rates more decisively showed how difficult it was to move after the Bundesbank left German rates unchanged last week. The Bank of France cut its five to ten-day rate by 15 basis points to 4.75 but left the intervention rate at 3.55 per cent.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Case No. 96-8831A (PBA— SIPA

A.R. BARON & CO. INC.

Debtor.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS AND CREDITORS OF A.R. BARON & CO. INC., AND TO ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST.

**COMMENCEMENT OF LIQUIDATION PROCEEDINGS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 11, 1996, the Honorable Loretta A. Preska, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, entered an Order granting the application of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for issuance of a Protective Decree adjudicating that the customers of A.R. Baron & Co. Inc. (the "Debtor") are in need of the protection afforded by the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("SIPA"). James W. Giddens was appointed Trustee for the liquidation of the business of the Debtor, and Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP was appointed counsel to the Trustee.

**CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTOR**

Customers of the Debtor who wish to avail themselves of the fullest protection afforded to them under SIPA are required to file their claims with the Trustee within 60 days after the date of this Notice. Such claims should be filed with the Trustee at P.O. Box 359, Bowling Green Station, New York, New York 10274. Customer claims will be deemed filed only when received by the Trustee.

Forms for the filing of customers' claims are being mailed to customers of the Debtor as their names and addresses appear on the Debtor's books and records. Customers who do not receive such forms within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice may obtain them by writing to the Trustee at the address shown above.

All other creditors of the Debtor must file formal proofs of claim with the Trustee at the address shown above within six (6) months after the date of this Notice. All such claims will be deemed filed only when received by the Trustee.

No claim of any kind will be allowed unless filed within six (6) months after the date of this Notice.

**AUTOMATIC STAY OF ACTIONS AGAINST THE DEBTOR**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as a result of the issuance of the Protective Decree, certain suits and proceedings against the Debtor and its property are stayed as provided in 11 U.S.C. 362 and by order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered on July 11, 1996 by the Honorable Loretta A. Preska.

**FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first meeting of customers and creditors will be held at the Marriott World Trade Centre, 3 World Trade Centre, New York, New York 10048, on September 13, 1996 at 10:00 am, at which time and place customers and creditors may attend, examine the Debtor, and transact such further business as may properly come before said meeting. Failure to attend the meeting will not affect the right of customers to avail themselves of the protection afforded to them under SIPA or of creditors to file proofs of claim with the Trustee.

**HEARING ON DISINTERESTEDNESS OF TRUSTEE AND COUNSEL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT September 5, 1996 at the hour of 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 617, United States Bankruptcy Courthouse, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York has been set as the time and place for the hearing before the Honorable Prudence B. Abram, United States Bankruptcy Judge, of objections, if any, to the retention in office of James W. Giddens as Trustee and Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP as counsel to the Trustee, upon the ground that they are not disinterested as provided in section 78eee(b)(6) of SIPA. Objections, if any, must be filed with the Court and personally served upon Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, New York, New York, 10004-1482 on or before August 26, 1996.

James W. Giddens
Trustee of the Liquidation of the
Business of A.R. Baron & Co., Inc.
P O Box 359
New York N Y 10274

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP
Richard M. Siegel, Esq
Derek J.T. Adler, Esq
Counsel to the Trustee
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Dated: New York, New York
August 2, 1996

Securities Investor Protection Corporation
Kenneth J. Caputo Esq.
805 15th Street, N.W. Suite 800
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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20549

Offices of the United States Trustee
Hon. Mary Tom, Acting Trustee
80 Broad Street, Second Floor
New York, N.Y. 10004

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
THE HONORABLE PRUDENCE B. ABRAM

CARLTON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, E P Barry FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 25th July 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 25th July 1996
E P BARRY, FCA Liquidator

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SHAWS (BARKING) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Rd, Southend-On-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG on 6th August 1996 at 12.30 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Cottam & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-On-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Resolutions to be taken at the aforementioned meeting may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting may also receive information about or be called upon to approve the costs of preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening the meeting.
Dated the 29th July 1996
Jeremy Pollard
Director

No. 004110/96
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
MR REGISTRAR RAWSON
IN THE MATTER OF ECSOFT GROUP LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 19th July 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £7,000,000 to £2,296,000.50
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 14th day of August 1996
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 30th day of July 1996
CLARKS SOLICITORS
Great Western House
Station Road
READING RG1 1SX
Tel: 01734 585321 Ref: 16/47
Solicitors for the above-named Company

003250/96
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF LUPAS COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17 July 1996 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £25 to £24 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26 July 1996.
Dated the 2nd day of August 1996
Dennise Matthews
of 145 Anerley Road,
London, SE20 8EG
Solicitors for the above Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF TIBBETT & BRITTEN GROUP plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, London dated 17th July 1996 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 24th July 1996
Dated this 2nd day of August 1996
Eversheds
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham
B3 3LX
Solicitors for the above named Company
Ref SAN/105
Tel: 0121 233 2001

No. 003568 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
Mr. Registrar Buckley
Wednesday the 24th day of July 1996
IN THE MATTER OF CITY ACRE PROPERTY INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 24th July 1996 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £9,945,616 to £2,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect of the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 31st July 1996.
DATED this 31st day of July 1996
MISHCON DE REYA
21 Southampton Row
London WC1B 5HS
Ref: 38/PMM/ACB
Solicitors for the above-named Company

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF SPEYHAWK ENTERPRISES LIMITED (IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

On 15 July 1996 the above company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. PN Spratt and DM [illegible] of Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor Berkshire SL4 1HB have been appointed liquidators. Creditors of the company are requested to send details of their claims against the company to the liquidators at the above address.
The liquidators reserve their rights to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
PN Spratt
Joint Liquidator
Speyhawk Enterprises Limited

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☐ Playing into Stagecoach's hands? ☐ Yorkshire's generosity to its shareholders ☐ Peace dividend comes at a price

# Up the junction and off the rails

☐ WHAT is the link between 50 former British Rail staff making £80 million profit in six months and the hardship half of London is going to suffer getting into work at the end of this month? The politics of rancour, inevitably, sees a direct link, the fat cats creaming off the cash while the honest working man has to fight for his rights. The link is there, but it is a little more subtle.

The strikes are the first challenge to the new breed of train operators. Of the 25 operating franchises, seven private firms are already in charge; two will be hit by industrial action. The unions are well aware that the only way those seven, and the others that follow, can make a decent return is by cutting costs. In the same way, the Government sold off other grossly overmanned utilities so their management, newly incentivised by share options, would import stricter commercial disciplines/do their dirty work for them (please delete according to political orientation).

The idea is that a smaller workforce has to work harder in future, as already achieved in the coach industry. The new owners, unlike the Government, have a genuine incentive to achieve cuts, but they are far more vulnerable to industrial action. Stop the trains, under public ownership, and the lost revenues come out of taxes. Stop them under private ownership and the operators are still required to pay Railtrack for access to the line. There is a limit to how long they can endure.

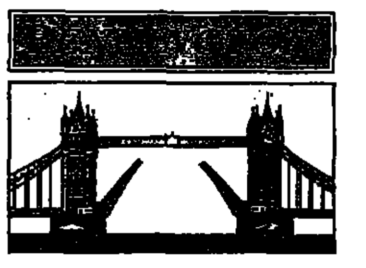
The strikes this month, and those that will inevitably follow, will show which is the stronger force, incentivisation or industrial vulnerability. But add one further complication, in the shape of Brian Souter. Mr Souter wants to reintegrate part of the rail network by buying Porterbrook, which leases trains to the operators. His Stagecoach company already runs one franchise, South West, and wants more.

Labour politicians were in traditional knee-jerk mode about the bonuses to managers his bid for Porterbrook could — note, could — trigger. There must be a doubt whether the deal will evade a Monopolies & Mergers Commission reference, however hard Stagecoach may wriggle. There must be more doubt whether Mr Souter, teetotal evangelical Christian though he may be, is the right person to run the railways after the MMC damned his company's behaviour in an earlier report as "predatory, deplorable and against the public interest".

But here is a third point to give the unions sleepless nights. Porterbrook, with its guaranteed revenues, is one of the safest vehicle on the railways, a point recognised by the low equity-to-debt ratio of the original management out. It provides an ideal cross-subsidy with which South West and others under the Stagecoach umbrella might ride out future strikes. The unions, by weakening other train operators to the point that the franchises seek new owners such as Stagecoach, may end up doing Mr Souter's work for him.

## Making free with the brass

☐ IF THEY push the boat out much further in Yorkshire they will be half way across the North Sea. The dividend rises promised at Yorkshire Electricity's annual meeting would be startling in any industry. From one that faces instant penury within months, they look suicidal.



There are three possible explanations. Yorkshire is convinced there is a bidder on the horizon, and is getting its "scorched earth" policy in place first by demonstrating to shareholders the benefits of loyalty. Arguing against this is the fact that the 60-day bid timetable gives plenty of time to put such a defence in place. The history of utilities bids is littered with false starts, widely rumoured approaches that came to nothing. Yorkshire is now locked into making those payments, perhaps unnecessarily.

This explanation is bolstered by the renewal of the power to buy back 10 per cent of the share capital, another useful defensive measure, but not much use if the second alternative is the case. Is Yorkshire trying, in a rather ham-fisted way, to avoid the utilities tax threatened by Labour for shortly after the election? Just as a man facing bankruptcy might put the house in his wife's name, is Yorkshire pledging to hand out any spare cash in order to plead poverty once Gordon Brown comes knocking?

This explanation, too, has its failings, not least because Yorkshire is among the more Blair-friendly of the utilities, deeply concerned, for example, that in a fully competitive market the poor may have to pay more than the rich for their electricity. More to the point, Mr Brown if he has any sense will not be much impressed by pleas of poverty. What has been given to shareholders can be taken back, if necessary, in the form of a rights issue. Promises of dividend rises can be set aside if circumstances change and the company can no longer afford it.

The third explanation is that Yorkshire, as executives claim, is committed to being a pure utility that does the job as cheaply as possible, paying any surplus cash to its owners, the shareholders. In that case, and in spite of the talk of low prices, a matching gesture to customers might seem politically sensible at some stage.

## Bullet messages from America

☐ SUPERFICIALLY, Boeing's $3.2 billion purchase of Rockwell's legendary and controversial space and defence business may seem of relatively little interest in Britain. At one level, it is merely the latest stage in the headlong consolidation of America's defence industry. As one Wall Street analyst put it: "This is what was forecast when the Berlin Wall fell. This is the peace dividend."

Shareholders clearly gain part of this dividend, via the benefits of tax-free financial engineering, plus the prospect of a less competitive, if shrunken, home market on which to base add-on export sales. Boeing evidently finds this attractive enough to boost its defence and space content from under 30 per cent to about 40 per cent.

This process is, however, creating powerful companies that few in Europe can compete with on level ground. Europe's consolidation is more piecemeal and unimpressive.

Transnational mergers are reckoned vital from a commercial standpoint, but no big country wants to sell its defence companies to another. France, which insists on being involved in all strategic European mergers, also insists on dominating them, naturally putting other countries off.

Britain, having traditionally the strongest defence industry outside America and the old USSR, is likely to be the biggest loser. Our best companies are bickering and coming to rely too much on a few potentially vulnerable customers. They should get together.

## Fat cat claim

☐ LABOUR Research has spoiled its survey of fat cats and golden handshakes by claiming the Greenbury report is not doing its proper job of preventing such abuses. Many, however, and certainly the most lucrative, predate Greenbury — some may even have helped to spark its creation. To adapt an old radical slogan that will be familiar to Labour Research, Greenbury is not part of the problem, it is part of the solution.

# Record half-year profits for AIB fuelled by growth surge

From Eileen McCabe
in Dublin

DOUBLE-DIGIT profit growth across every division resulted yesterday in record half-year pre-tax profits for Allied Irish Bank Group.

Ireland's largest banking group, which has Tom Mulcahy as chief executive, announced a 13.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to June 30 of Ir£201.1 million compared with Ir£177.1 million for the same period last year.

James Culliton, chairman who announced earlier this week that he would be stepping down at the end of this year, said he was confident that the next six months will see the trend continue. Earnings per share grew by 13.7 per cent to Ir18.3 pence, with the company declaring an interim dividend of Ir5.95 pence.

In the AIB bank division, which has retail interests in the Republic, Northern Ireland and Britain, profits jumped by 12.8 per cent, to Ir£102.2 million, on the back of robust lending growth. The Republic led the way with a 10.1 per cent increase, Northern Ireland rose by 6.3 per cent while in Britain it was 5.1 per cent. The success of a new range of long-term savings products marketed by Ark Life also contributed to profits.

In the US division, fee income and higher levels of mortgage activity resulted in a 14.5 per cent jump in profits, to Ir£56.9 million. The largest profit increases were in the smallest division, Capital Markets, which contributed Ir£34.9 million to the overall total — a jump of 21.2 per cent. A significant rise in interest income by the treasury section, and better returns from equity markets, were also key features.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Tom Mulcahy, chief executive of Allied Irish Bank: double-digit profit growth across all divisions in the first half

For the first time profits from the John Govett group, which AIB acquired late last year, were included in the accounts. A spokesman said the fund management group had "traded well during the period and its profit performance is well ahead of 1995".

AIB said capital adequacy remained strong, with the tier one ratio at 8.1 per cent, and the equity to assets ratio 4.8 per cent. The total capital ratio was 10.5 per cent. Although net interest income was up 4.5 per cent, to Ir£408.7 million, the interest margin at 3.45 per cent was down 21 basis points on the second half of 1995.

Looking ahead, Mr Culliton said that he expected Ireland's buoyant economy to fuel continuing strong loan demand, "although at a lower level than the first half". Economic upturns in both Britain and the US ensure underlying business trends there would continue to be positive, he added.

# Rockwell sells two divisions to Boeing for $3bn

From Richard Thomson
in New York

THE consolidation of the US defence industry has taken a big step forward with the $3bn purchase by Boeing, the world's largest aircraft manufacturer, of the defence and avionics businesses of Rockwell International (see Pennington, this page).

Boeing has been looking for an acquisition in the defence field for some time, after the collapse of merger talks with McDonnell Douglas several months ago. Lockheed Martin, the largest US defence company, was formed recently by the merger of two leading arms groups.

Deep cuts in the US defence budget since the end of the Cold War have obliged companies to join forces to fight for the remaining contracts on a stronger footing. Raytheon and McDonnell Douglas are also said to be in merger talks.

The purchase will not only enable Boeing to bid more aggressively for defence business. It will also enable it to bid for a larger share of the lucrative space station contract in which it is already the largest contractor.

Phil Condit, Boeing's president and chief executive, said the deal will round out his company's strengths as a defence and space contractor. Among other prestige projects, Rockwell produces the B1 Bomber for the US Air Force, the main engines of the space shuttle, and global positioning systems for satellites. It also makes ballistic missiles and owns the technology of numerous other defence systems.

Boeing is paying $860m in stock, and a further $2.2bn to wipe out world debt. The rest of Rockwell will be left with automotive, semiconductor and electronics businesses, taking it almost completely out of the defence industry.

The defence operations being bought by Boeing have sales of $3.2 billion, compared with $5.6 billion of sales by Boeing's own defence division. The combined workforce of the merged operations will come to about 50,000 people, but Mr Condit said there was little overlap between the businesses and he expected few job losses to result.

Rockwell said that, having sold its defence operations, its remaining businesses were free to develop into new areas of civilian application particularly electronics.

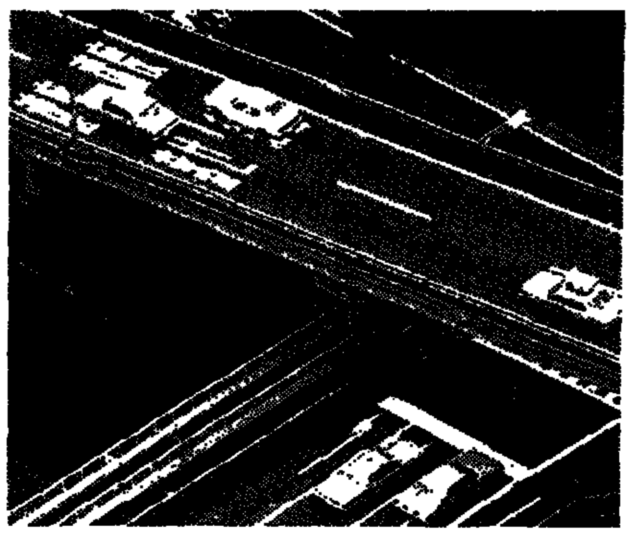
# Misys doubles and orders push ahead

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES in Misys, the banking and insurance software company, jumped 14p to 777p after it reported almost doubled pre-tax profits of £50.4 million in the year to May 31 and an order book already 25 per cent ahead.

The group, which bought its rival ACT Banking for £193 million in February last year, saw sales in its banking division leap from £46.5 million to £139.6 million, half the group total of £280 million (£153 million). Misys, now the world leader in banking software, with 30 per cent of the global market, said it was in pole position to benefit from a single European currency, which would require wide-scale modulation of banking software in its core European market. Kevin Lomax, chairman, said Misys was a pan-European operation that would capitalise on the changes, even if Britain does not agree to monetary union.

The final was increased 0.87p to 6.69p, making a total of 10.66p — 15 per cent ahead of last year's total, and providing four times cover. It will be paid on October 7.



SKF breaks into Japanese Automotive Market

For the first time in its history, SKF will sell wheel bearings directly to a Japanese car manufacturer in Japan. Despite very strong Japanese bearing competition, SKF signed a multi-year contract with Suzuki to supply Hub Units. The Hub Unit, a concept developed by SKF, is a unitised assembly, lubricated and adjusted at the factory to reduce maintenance and installation costs.

Decisive factors in Suzuki's decision included SKF's reputation for dependable, high quality products as well as SKF's global production and service network. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in September this year.

THE SKF GROUP'S CONSOLIDATED INCOME after financial income and expense for the first half of 1996: 1 475 million Swedish kronor (1 866). Sales: SEK 17 528 m (19 487). Income after financial net for the second quarter: SEK 664 m (959), sales SEK 8 647 m (9 775). Fluctuations in exchange rates had a negative effect on sales, to the order of 9 percent or approximately SEK 1 700 m.

In the North American market, SKF is continuing to increase its sales to the automotive industry. Following the decision to build a new plant in the United States for the manufacture of Hub Units, further contracts have been secured, including another large order for these products by the leading U.S. manusfacturer of truck axles.

The European market, however which accounts for almost 60 percent of Group sales, showed a continued weakening in the demand for rolling bearings. All major markets, with the exception of France, showed the same weak trend.

Growth remains good in Asia. SKF's sales to the aftermarket are developing positively. One customer segment where SKF is recording increasing sales is the manufacture of motorcycles and scooters. The Group supplies the market primarily from its European plants.

The SKF Group operating income after depreciation for the first six months of 1996: SEK 1 657 m (2 256). Financial net: SEK -182 m (-390). This improvement can be attributed mainly to a positive outcome from forward transactions made to cover currency flows.

Earnings per share after tax SEK 7.90 (10.85). Capital expenditures in property, plant and equipment SEK 1 099 m (934). At the end of June, the Group financial assets were SEK 3 660 (4 874) compared with SEK 4 035 m at the beginning of the year. The return on capital employed July 1st 1995 - June 30th 1996 was 17.0 percent (17.0). Return on shareholders' equity 16.0 percent (19.4). Group solvency 31.3 percent (29.9).

*For a copy of the half-year report, please write to SKF Group Communication, S-415 50 Göteborg, Sweden, or access the Internet: http://www.skf.se*

AVERAGE RATE OF EXCHANGE
1996: 1 GBP = 10.28 SEK. 1995: 1 GBP = 11.68 SEK.

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# Abbey warns of mixed prospects

From Eileen McCabe, in Dublin

ABBEY, the Irish construction company, has given warning that prospects for the year ahead are mixed after a drop of more than 25 per cent in pre-tax profits, to Ir£6.2 million, for the year to April. A year ago, Abbey recorded profits of Ir£8.36 million.

Earnings per share were 11.17p, down from 15.08p. However, the dividend is up by 4.8 per cent, to 5.50p.

Charles Gallagher, chairman, said the main reason for the profits setback was the performance of the plant-hire division, whose profits fell to Ir£460,000, from Ir£1.7 million.

"Trading since the year end remains disappointing and any early improvement in trading depends mainly on a faster rate of UK economic growth," he said.

Housebuilding, with 314 sales in the UK and 100 in the Irish Republic, generated operating profit of Ir£4 million, on turnover of Ir£34.2 million. It experienced some difficulties in Britain, but conditions in Ireland were buoyant, Abbey said.

Mr Gallagher said: "Prospects for the year ahead are mixed. Strong growth in the Irish operation and improving conditions for UK housing will be tempered by the continuing difficulties facing our plant-hire activities. Overall, we are hopeful of resumed progress. In the medium term, widespread forecasts of accelerating UK growth are a source of encouragement."

# Littlewoods creating 250 jobs

LITTLEWOODS, the family-owned retail and pools group, yesterday announced the creation of 250 new jobs in Sunderland to back the launch of its new direct home-shopping catalogue (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The jobs, which include part-time work, are in the ordering and customer-query arm of the Index Extra catalogue, and involve people handling telephone operations.

Index Extra, launched nationally last month, provides the same range of goods through catalogue sales and the chain of high-street stores. It is a key to Littlewoods' fight for market share in the increasingly competitive catalogue-shopping business.

# Sainsbury to run Homebase alone

By Sarah Cunningham

J SAINSBURY is to become sole owner of Homebase, its DIY subsidiary, by buying the minority shareholding of GIB, the Belgian retailing group, in a deal worth £77.5 million.

The companies have agreed that Sainsbury will pay GIB £65 million in cash. Homebase will also repay a shareholder loan of £12.5 million made by GIB. The deal is scheduled for completion on Tuesday.

GIB had been thinking of selling out since the £290 million purchase of Texas Homecare by Sainsbury last year diluted its 25 per cent shareholding. It would have had to invest a further £40 million to take its holding back up to 25 per cent, Sainsbury said yesterday. GIB is understood to want to concentrate on its DIY and food retailing operations in continental Europe.

Dino Adriano, Sainsbury's deputy chief executive and chairman of Homebase, said: "The acquisition of the minority stake in Homebase will enable the Sainsbury group to benefit fully from the continued growth of Homebase and the exciting potential of converting Texas to the Homebase format."

Homebase, together with Texas, has a 12 per cent market share and more than 330 stores. Homebase was set up in 1979 with £250,000 from GIB and £750,000 from Sainsbury.

# Royal Bank buys SG Warburg custody division

Lord Younger will see a new subsidiary set up

By Fraser Nelson

THE ROYAL Bank of Scotland is to buy SG Warburg's custody division for up to £20 million, making the bank Britain's second largest custody holder with assets of £250 billion.

The Royal Bank, whose chairman is Lord Younger, is to house the acquisition in a new subsidiary called the RBS Trust Bank. Together with the bank's existing custody unit, it is believed to be the only service offering a complete one-stop shop portfolio of custody and investment services.

At present, the Royal Bank's £170 billion of assets under custody make it Britain's third largest custody holder behind Barclays and the Midland Bank. With the Warburg acquisition, which brings assets of £80 billion under custody, the Royal Bank will overtake Barclays to become the sixth largest custody holder in the world.

The Royal Bank is to pay between £5 million and £20 million for the holding, pending a valuation and due diligence.

Tim Sykes, an analyst at BZW Securities, said the deal was good for both parties. He said: "The global custody market is for major players only. Either you're a giant, or you're not in it. There's no half way. Warburg obviously decided they were not going to dominate."

The RBS Trust Bank will have a staff of 1,200. The Warburg acquisition adds third-party retail fund administration to the Royal Bank's existing service, as well as a strong relationship with Mercury Asset Management.

The new bank will also operate an in-house trade union, where staff elect representatives without any external organisations.

The decision to de-recognise the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union has brought it under fire from the BIFU, which has accused it of a "divide and rule policy", which it says will strain industrial relations.

STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

# US blow to Hanson plans for demerger

THE PROPOSED demerger of **Hanson**, the industrial conglomerate, has suffered a major setback. Last night, Hanson was nursing a fall of 4½p at 155¾p on turnover of 22 million shares after it emerged that the group was having to undergo major restructuring at its SCM chemicals division in the US. Depressed market conditions had forced SCM to cut the price of its main product, titanium dioxide, used in paints, by up to 10 per cent in stark contrast to projections in the prospectus.

Brokers have begun downgrading their valuations for Hanson before the four-way split. SCM will form part of the Millennium Chemicals division, which is due to be dermerged with the group's tobacco division on October 1.

Zafar Khan, of Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, said the news would bring the valuation of the chemicals division under further scrutiny.

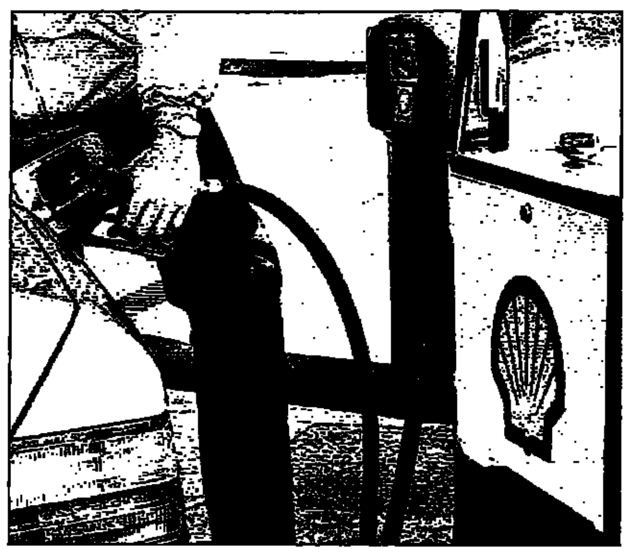
The demerger of Hanson into four separate parts — tobacco, chemicals, building materials and Eastern Electricity — had been designed to enhance shareholder value. But after hitting 210p when the deal was first announced, its price has been in steady decline since. Institutional shareholders have been expressing increasing concern about the diminishing value of their investment.

The rest of the equity market extended this week's gains after a cautious start with the help of another firm start to trading on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed more than 50 points first thing after publication of the purchasing managers' report for July providing further evidence of an economic slowdown.

The FTSE 100 index closed just a shade below its best of the day with a rise of 31.2 at 3,734.4 on disappointing turnover of 631 million shares.

**Bank of Scotland** firmed 2½p to 230½p as BZW completed the sale of Standard Life's 24 per cent stake in the company for £772 million. There was evidence last night that Standard Life has begun ploughing some of those funds back into the market.

**Premier Farnell**, the subject of a merger between Farnell Electronics and Premier Industries, the US group, earlier this year, fell 18p to 608p as brokers began trimming their profit forecasts. Merrill Lynch is believed to have cut its number for the current year by £17.5 million to £140 million. The moves follow a meeting with brokers earlier this week at which the company said that exchange rates had been working against it. After completion of the merger, Premier Farnell climbed from 640p to 670p, but has been in decline since then.



Brokers lowered estimates for Shell, whose shares fell to 911p

Brokers expressed disappointment with interim figures from **Shell** showing a downturn in the second quarter. A number have begun lowering their profit estimates for the full year. The company blamed a poor performance from its chemical operations that saw its contribution halved. The shares reflected the market's disappointment, shedding 11½p at 911p.

Some words of caution from **Lasmo** took the edge off an otherwise solid first-half performance that saw profits climb 24 per cent. Rudolph Agnew, chairman, said that the second half might be hit by higher exploration costs and interest charges. The shares finished 1½p firmer at 180½p.

**Yorkshire Electricity** got a warm response to plans to improve shareholder value by raising dividends sharply higher. The dividend payment for 1996-97 will soar 34.4 per cent to 52.6p, compared with last year's 10 per cent increase. In 1994, it distributed 90p a share and last year paid a special 100p dividend. The company is seeking shareholder permission to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares. The shares rose 26p to 707p.

**Northern Ireland Electricity** continued to lose ground in the wake of publication of the industry regulator's pricing proposals, with the price falling 4p to 349p.

Kharafi, the Kuwait building company, has increased its stake in **Costain**, the troubled construction group, with the purchase of an extra 11.37 million shares, or 5.5 per cent, taking its total stake to 24.6 per cent. Kharafi opposed Costain's £74 million rescue package that will see existing shareholders significantly diluted. Under the terms of the package, Intra, the Malaysian group, would stump up £41.5 million in return for 40 per cent of Costain. In spite of the objections from Kharafi, the proposals were supported by the bulk of Costain's shareholders. Costain fell 2p to 64p.

**Cantors** rose a further 6p to 203p after returning from suspension earlier this week, after shareholder approval for the merger with Harveys. The new company is to be named H&C Furnishings.

**Trafficmaster** stood out with a jump of 24p, to 353p after signing a deal to supply its traffic monitoring system to Vauxhall. This is the first contract to supply a motor manufacturer direct.

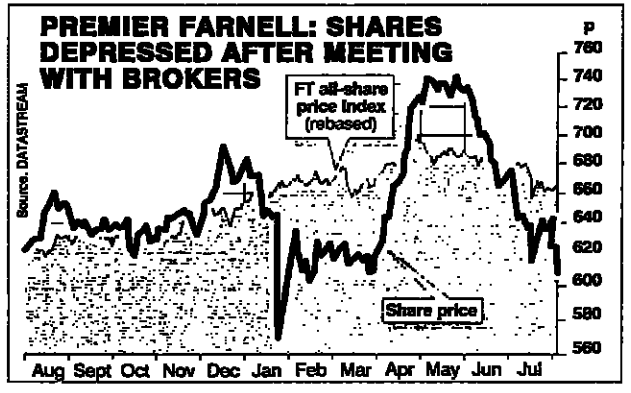
Shares of **Campbell & Armstrong**, the shopfitter, were suspended at 10½p pending publication of details of a proposed reconstruction that will include the conversion of debt into equity. **Delyn Group** was also suspended at 75p awaiting news of a substantial acquisition.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** A positive performance by US treasury Bonds enabled prices in London to end on a firm note. The move upwards by the T-bonds was prompted by the weaker than expected purchasing managers' report.

In the futures pit, the September series of the Long Gilt finished £7/32 better at £107 13/32. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 rose £½ to £98 11/32, while in shorts, Treasury 7 per cent 2001 advanced £¼ to £98 11/16.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street stocks posted solid gains at midday after economic reports fuelled market hopes that the Federal Reserve would decide against increasing interest rates at its next meeting. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 25.90 points to 5,554.81.

**After rejecting Hays' terms this week Christian Salvesen jumped 10p, to 366p. As brokers point out, the Salvesen family, with 40 per cent of the shares, has left the door open to a higher offer from Hays. Word is it may be a straight cash offer of about 375p, with a deal of 400p for those willing to accept Hays paper.**



PREMIER FARNELL: SHARES DEPRESSED AFTER MEETING WITH BROKERS

## MAJOR INDICES

**New York (midday):**

Dow Jones ........ 5554.81 (+25.90)
S&P Composite ........ 645.15 (+5.20)

**Tokyo:**

Nikkei Average ........ 20984.83 (+292.00)

**Hong Kong:**

Hang Seng ........ 10799.87 (+108.45)

**Amsterdam:**

EOE Index ........ 540.07 (+4.34)

**Sydney:**

AO ........ 2191.2 (+10.9)

**Frankfurt:**

DAX ........ 2494.46 (+21.11)

**Singapore:**

Straits ........ 2119.61 (+7.85)

**Brussels:**

General ........ 9376.62 (+65.58)

**Paris:**

CAC-40 ........ 2009.90 (+11.78)

**Zurich:**

SKA Gen ........ Closed

**London:**

FT 30 ........ 2748.2 (+29.4)
FT 100 ........ 3734.4 (+31.2)
FT-SE Mid 250 ........ 4243.0 (+12.4)
FT-SE-A 350 ........ 1869.6 (+13.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 ... 1609.16 (+10.23)
FT A All-Share ........ 1848.04 (+12.60)
FT Non Financials ........ 1953.01 (+10.81)
FT Fixed Interest ........ 112.89 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs ........ 93.07 (+0.30)
Bargains ........ 30565
SEAQ Volume ........ 633.9m
USM (Datastrm) ........ 202.22 (+0.46)
US$ ........ 1.5568 (+0.0015)
German Mark ........ 2.2946 (+0.0036)
Exchange Index ........ 84.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU ........ 1.2062
£:SDR ........ 1.0630
RPI ........ 153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX ........ 152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

## RECENT ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AND International | 72 | − 5 |
| Alizyme | 45 | ... |
| Allied Carpets | 230 | + 1 |
| Atkins WS | 230 | ... |
| BATM Advd Cms | 128 | ... |
| British Energy (100) | 101½ | + 1½ |
| Digital Anmtns | 85 | ... |
| Drings of Bath | 4 | ... |
| Electronic Retlg | 148 | ... |
| Fayrewood | 48 | ... |
| HIT Entertain (163) | 189 | ... |
| Hat Pin | 64 | + 4 |
| Hoare Govett 1000 C | 97 | ... |
| Life Numbers | 15 | ... |
| Life Numbers Wts | 6 | ... |
| Lotteryking Wts | 1½ | ... |
| NECA | 17 | − 1 |
| Network Tech | 140 | ... |
| Pace Micro (172) | 175 | ... |
| Plasmon | 173 | + 1 |
| Pordum Foods Wts | 1¼ | ... |
| Quintain Ests & Dev | 114 | ... |
| Robert Walters | 115 | + 1 |
| Selector | 68 | ... |
| Therap Antibodes | 472 | − 5 |
| UNO | 165 | ... |
| West 175 Enter | 120 | ... |
| Xavier Computer | 11 | ... |

## RIGHTS ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Insprtns Pf n/p (100) | 1½ | ... |
| Lorien n/p (250) | 10 | ... |
| Old English n/p (100) | 16 | ... |
| Sema Gp n/p (595) | 124 | ... |
| Syndcte Cap n/p (110) | 1½ | − ½ |
| Tullow Oil n/p (80) | 6 | − 2 |

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Admiral ........ 320p (+20p)
Treatt ........ 215p (+10p)
Natl Express ........ 462p (+20p)
Cortecs ........ 257p (+10p)
Ryl Bk Scot ........ 481p (+12p)

FALLS:

Azlan ........ 643p (-24p)
Caledonia ........ 728p (-17p)
Premier Farnell ........ 608p (-18p)
Dyson (J&J) ........ 203p (-10p)

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## TEMPUS

# Shelling out may be wise

ONCE again, the oil price is coming to the rescue of Shell. There were plenty of good reasons for the setback in Shell's second-quarter profits, and the downturn should not spoil the outlook for the year. Production was slightly lower than expected because of extraneous events, and the strength of sterling did not help. Yet, the longer-term picture is not particularly reassuring.

Shell was able to point out with confidence that its own size precluded a downstream alliance with another oil compay, such as that orchestrated between BP and Mobil. The resulting market share would create unacceptable dominance in any number of jurisdictions. But, what investors wanted to hear was not news of external alliances, but internal action to cut some of its underperforming refining capacity.

The big question is whether Shell will be able to reach its target of a 12 per cent return on capital over the cycle. With the oil price well over $18 — and assuming Iraqi exports do not cause a sudden collapse in the autumn — it is not inconceivable that Shell achieves close to 12 per cent by the fourth quarter. However, that fails to address the issue of whether the boost to earnings is being created by special factors or underlying growth in the energy business. The motor behind the recent rise in exploration profits has clearly been cost-cutting and, this year, favourable oil prices. In 1995, a recovery in chemicals generated much of the profits gain. With refining margins weak across the board and chemicals still suffering from low prices and overcapacity, Shell cannot afford a weak oil price. In the circumstances, it might be wise for it to be generous with the dividend.

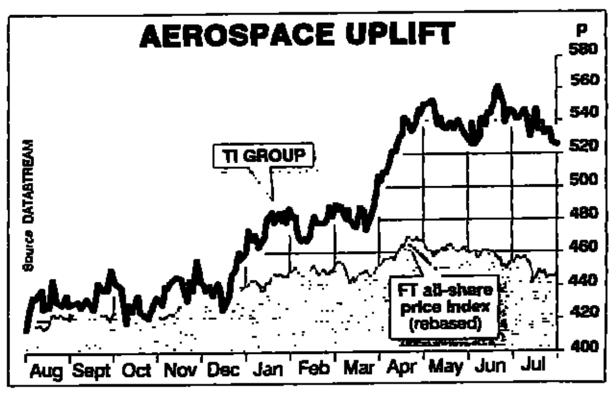
## TI Group

UNRELENTING success may seem like a chairman's dream but for companies such as TI, it can create its own problems. TI has been transformed in the past ten years from a loose consumer-based business to one of the country's few globally competitive engineering businesses.

Earnings growth has outpaced the market and the share price has performed in tandem but the City seems determined to seek pitfalls ahead, even when, as happened briefly yesterday, they are based more on a misreading of the company's trading statement than real signs of a slowdown in growth. The automotive industry is slowing but good prospects in aerospace should more than compensate, with the Dowty Aerospace division sitting on orders worth $500 million.

TI is resisting the pressure to solve its image problem by launching a major acquisition spree. Instead the company is looking for more bolt-ons, which married to TI's worldwide operations can provide a swift uplift in profits. The company's greatly improved cash position — net cash deposits were £71 million compared with a net debt of £20.4 million the previous year — provides TI with ample scope for reinvestment and acquisitions.

TI shares sit on a price-earnings ratio of 17 times. That is a premium to the market average but the company looks more than capable of prolonging its success.



AEROSPACE UPLIFT

## Lasmo

LASMO was hinting heavily yesterday of new prospects in new countries where it is negotiating oil exploration licences. The company has been awarded new exploration blocks in Italy and Egypt, and has recently set up a vehicle with a Kuwaiti partner aimed at securing a position in the Gulf.

Much of this is speculative, not least the application for a licence in the current Falkland Islands round but Lasmo hopes that it will present a more balanced picture of an exploration portfolio that is now looking rather skewed to Algeria. There, Lasmo has had considerable success and the data gathered so far is encouraging the company to seek an extension to its exploration permit on the existing two blocks, and to apply for more acreage.

Algeria is both an asset and a liability for Lasmo; the prospects look good for significant reserve additions but the market inevitably applies a bigger discount to barrels from politically risky Algeria than those from the North Sea. That, in part, explains why the shares of its rival, Enterprise Oil, trade at a premium to estimates of its net asset value, while those of Lasmo trade at a discount.

That discount is probably excessive and offers a buying opportunity to those who can stomach some political risk. Lasmo's cashflow and earnings are now in a position where it could consider raising its dividend. However, if the company really has good exploration opportunities, shareholders would be more cheered to learn of new investments.

## Psion

POOR old Psion is looking a little sorry for itself now its deal to buy Amstrad has fallen through. Since *The Times* revealed that talks were on, and prior to the deal cratering, Psion was at pains to explain that the purchase of Amstrad's Dancall subsidiary would give it a platform in GSM, the Global Standard for Mobile phones. This would allow Psion to integrate mobile phones with its palmtop computers to create a fashion accessory from hell.

Without Dancall it needs to strike a deal with another mobile-phone-maker. But the likes of Nokia, Motorola and Ericsson are many times the size of Psion and raise the question of who would call the shots in a marriage of such unequals.

If the operating system for the Psion 3 Series is as good as suggested, then Psion will be able to strike a reasonable bargain with one of the mighty mobile makers. That could push the rather volatile Psion shares, which rose 9p to 400p yesterday, back up to their 470p peak, the level they had reached before the Amstrad deal fell apart.

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## COMMODITIES

### LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

**COCOA**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sep | 983-980 | Dec | 1055 BID |
| Dec | 998-997 | Mar | 1073 BID |
| Mar | 1015-1014 | May | 1085-1072 |
| May | 1031-1029 | Jul | 1095-1085 |
| Jul | 1041 BID | | |
| Sep | 1052-1050 | | Volume: 5847 |

**ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sep | 1536-1535 | May | 1415-1403 |
| Nov | 1512-1511 | Jul | 1405-1395 |
| Jan | 1464-1462 | Sep | 1396-1395 |
| Mar | 1422-1420 | | Volume: 1350 |

**WHITE SUGAR (FOB)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reuters | | May | 338.4-36.6 |
| Spot: 371.0 | | Aug | 335.9-34.0 |
| Oct | 349.0-48.5 | Oct | 325.9-23.2 |
| Dec | 344.9-44.0 | Dec | 328.9-25.0 |
| Mar | 341.9-40.5 | | Volume: 319 |

### MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 31

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 106.80 | 76.57 | 95.68 |
| (+/-) | -0.62 | -14.40 | -3.70 |
| Eng/Wales: | 106.80 | 105.51 | 94.73 |
| (+/-) | -0.62 | +7.22 | -3.55 |
| (%) | +30.0 | +70.0 | +4.0 |
| Scotland: | unq | 102.90 | 101.77 |
| (+/-) | | +10.30 | -2.73 |
| (%) | | +82.0 | -24.0 |

### ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

**CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 18.80 | -0.30 |
| Brent 15 day (Sep) | 18.80 | -0.20 |
| Brent 15 day (Oct) | 18.55 | -0.15 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Sep) | 20.30 | -0.20 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Oct) | 19.80 | -0.20 |

**PRODUCTS ($/MT)**

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Unld | 200 (n/c) | 202 (n/c) |
| Gasoil EEC | 178 (+1) | 179 (n/c) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 91 (+3) | 93 (+3) |
| Naphtha | 192 (+4) | 194 (+2) |

**IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)**

**GAS OIL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug | 174.50-74.75 | Nov | 170.75-71.25 |
| Sep | 172.75-73.00 | Dec | 169.75-70.00 |
| Oct | 171.75-72.25 | | Vol: 14217 |

**BRENT (6.00pm)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sep | 18.80-18.81 | Dec | 17.97-18.00 |
| Oct | 18.53-18.55 | Jan | 17.72-17.78 |
| Nov | 18.26-18.28 | | Vol: 30937 |

### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

| WHEAT (close £/t) | | BARLEY (close £/t) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sep | 110.70 | Sep | 102.15 |
| Nov | 112.65 | Nov | 104.45 |
| Jan | 114.65 | Jan | 106.55 |
| Mar | 116.65 | Mar | 108.55 |
| May | 118.65 | May | 110.40 |
| Volume: 297 | | Volume: 115 | |

**POTATO (£/t)**

| | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Nov | Unq | 85.0 |
| Mar | | 110.0 |
| Apr | 115.0 | 120.0 |
| | | Volume: 1.8 |

**RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)**

Aug ........ 89.50-90.50

**BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)**

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug 96 | 1063 | 1062 | 1063 |
| Sep 96 | 1125 | 1115 | 1126 |
| Oct 96 | 1212 | 1202 | 1212 |
| Jan 97 | 1252 | 1231 | 1235 |
| Vol: no lots | | Open interest: 3751 | |

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### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

| (Official) (Volume prev day) | Cash | 3mth | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A ($/tonne) | 2053.0-2055.0 | 1961.0-1962.0 | 196240 |
| Lead ($/tonne) | 803.0-804.0 | 808.50-809.00 | 220375 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1021.0-1021.5 | 1048.0-1049.0 | 403775 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 6170.0-6180.0 | 6230.0-6235.0 | 24470 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1485.0-1485.5 | 1520.5-1521.0 | 124925 |
| Nickel ($/tonne) | 6890.0-6900.0 | 7005.0-7010.0 | 61944 |

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## LIFFE OPTIONS

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Series | Oct | Jan | Apr | Oct | Jan | Apr |
| Alld Dom | 420 | 44½ | 51½ | 55 | 4½ | 11½ | 16 |
| (*455½) | 460 | 18½ | 26½ | 32½ | 17 | 29 | 34½ |
| ASDA | 110 | 8 | 10½ | 12½ | 2½ | 5½ | 7 |
| (*119½) | 120 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 8½ | 10½ | 12 |
| Boots | 550 | 58 | 65 | 75 | 2½ | 8 | 11½ |
| (*599½) | 600 | 22 | 32½ | 43½ | 16½ | 25½ | 30 |
| Br Airways | 500 | 41½ | 51 | 61 | 5½ | 13½ | 18 |
| (*529) | 550 | 14 | 24 | 34½ | 27 | 35 | 40½ |
| BP | 550 | 43 | 51½ | 58 | 5½ | 12½ | 18 |
| (*586) | 600 | 14 | 23½ | 31½ | 26 | 36 | 41½ |
| Br Steel | 180 | 8½ | 12 | 15½ | 7 | 11½ | 13½ |
| (*181) | 200 | 1½ | 5 | 8 | 20 | 25 | 26 |
| C & W | 390 | 31 | 40 | 47 | 8 | 14 | 17 |
| (*407½) | 420 | 14½ | 24 | 31 | 20½ | 27½ | 31½ |
| CU | 550 | 49½ | 59½ | 66 | 6½ | 12½ | 25 |
| (*596½) | 600 | 16 | 32½ | 38½ | 28 | 34 | 49½ |
| ICI | 750 | 22½ | 42 | 53½ | 27 | 35 | 49½ |
| (*755) | 800 | 7 | 21½ | 32 | 62 | 67 | 78½ |
| Land Sec | 650 | 21½ | 32½ | 41 | 11½ | 20 | 23½ |
| (*653) | 700 | 4 | 13 | 19 | 47 | 51 | 53½ |
| M & S | 460 | 34½ | 42 | 50½ | 5 | 10 | 13 |
| (*485) | 500 | 10½ | 19½ | 27½ | 22½ | 28 | 31 |
| Nat West | 600 | 47½ | 64½ | 72 | 8 | 15½ | 28 |
| (*644½) | 650 | 18½ | 36 | 44½ | 29 | 37 | 52½ |
| Safeway plc | 300 | 34 | 40 | 45 | 3 | 7½ | 10½ |
| (*328) | 330 | 14 | 21½ | 27½ | 13 | 19½ | 23 |
| Sainsbury | 360 | 29½ | 35½ | 42½ | 3 | 9 | 11 |
| (*382) | 390 | 11 | 17½ | 25½ | 14½ | 22 | 24½ |
| Shell | 900 | 31 | 43 | 55½ | 20½ | 28 | 38 |
| (*911) | 950 | 10 | 20½ | 31½ | 53 | 58 | 67 |
| Smkl Bch | 687 | 31½ | — | — | 19½ | — | — |
| (*694½) | 736 | 11½ | — | — | 50 | — | — |
| Storehse | 280 | 18 | — | — | 5 | — | — |
| (*289½) | 300 | 7½ | — | — | 15 | — | — |
| Trafalgar | 50 | 1 | — | — | 0½ | — | — |
| (*50) | 60 | 0 | — | — | 10 | — | — |
| Zeneca | 1400 | 67½ | 100 | 117½ | 44 | 63½ | 81 |
| (*1416½) | 1450 | 44 | 74½ | 91½ | 71 | 89 | 106½ |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Jan | Aug | Nov | Jan |
| BAT Ind | 500 | 11 | 25½ | 33½ | 12½ | 23 | 27½ |
| (*510) | 550 | 0 | 9 | 14½ | 52 | 57½ | 60 |
| Vodafone | 220 | 15 | 22½ | 25 | 2½ | 8 | 10 |
| (*233½) | 240 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 11 | 17½ | 19½ |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| Grnd Met | 420 | 22 | 35½ | 42½ | 2 | 8½ | 16½ |
| (*439½) | 460 | 3 | 14½ | 22½ | 22 | 28½ | 37½ |
| Ladbroke | 180 | 12 | 17 | 22½ | 2½ | 7½ | 11 |
| (*190½) | 200 | 1½ | 8½ | 13½ | 12½ | 19 | 22 |
| Utd Bisc | 200 | 13½ | 20½ | 24 | 0½ | 6 | 8½ |
| (*212) | 220 | 2 | 9½ | 14½ | 9 | 16 | 19 |

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Series | Oct | Jan | Apr | Oct | Jan | Apr |
| BAA | 460 | 21½ | 28 | 35½ | 12½ | 19½ | 22½ |
| (*468) | 500 | 5½ | 11½ | 17½ | 38½ | 43½ | 45½ |
| Thames W. | 500 | 43 | 51 | 58 | 5 | 13½ | 17½ |
| (*532½) | 550 | 14 | 23½ | 32 | 24½ | 37½ | 42 |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| BTR | 240 | 9½ | 15½ | 20 | 1½ | 9½ | 11 |
| (*247) | 260 | 1 | 6½ | 11½ | 13½ | 22 | 23 |
| Br Aero | 900 | 40½ | 61½ | 82½ | 5 | 24 | 32½ |
| (*934½) | 950 | 10 | 35½ | 59½ | 27 | 48 | 56½ |
| Br Telecom | 360 | 9 | 15 | 22 | 10½ | 16 | 24 |
| (*368) | 390 | 0½ | 5 | 11½ | 36 | 37½ | 43½ |
| Cadbury | 500 | 22 | 35½ | 47½ | 3 | 14½ | 20 |
| (*518½) | 550 | 1 | 14 | 24 | 32 | 43½ | 47½ |
| Guinness | 460 | 10 | 20½ | 31½ | 7 | 17½ | 21½ |
| (*466) | 500 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 34½ | 44 | 45½ |
| GEC | 360 | 26½ | 35½ | 41 | 1½ | 5½ | 10 |
| (*385) | 390 | 5 | 16½ | 23 | 10 | 17 | 22 |
| Hanson | 140 | 16½ | 18 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| (*156) | 160 | 1½ | 6½ | 9½ | 5½ | 12 | 17 |
| LASMO | 180 | 4½ | 11 | 15½ | 4 | 8 | 9½ |
| (*180½) | 200 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 19½ | 21 | 22 |
| Lucas | 220 | 8 | 17½ | 22 | 5 | 11 | 13½ |
| (*226½) | 240 | 0 | 9½ | 12½ | 16½ | 23 | 25 |
| Pilkingtn | 172 | 12 | — | — | 0½ | — | — |
| (*182½) | 191 | 2 | — | — | 9 | — | — |
| Prudential | 420 | 18 | 27 | 38 | 3 | 12½ | 18½ |
| (*434) | 460 | 1½ | 10½ | 19½ | 26½ | 35½ | 40½ |
| Redland | 390 | 30 | 39½ | 46 | 1 | 9½ | 13½ |
| (*417½) | 420 | 9 | 21½ | 29 | 10 | 22 | 26½ |
| R-Royce | 200 | 20 | 24½ | 27½ | 0½ | 4½ | 7 |
| (*219) | 220 | 5 | 12½ | 18 | 5½ | 13 | 15½ |
| Tesco | 280 | 16 | 22 | 29½ | 1½ | 7 | 11½ |
| (*293) | 300 | 4 | 11½ | 19½ | 10 | 17 | 21 |
| Williams | 330 | 11 | 17½ | — | 3 | 11 | — |
| (*336½) | 360 | 0½ | 5 | — | 23½ | 30½ | — |

FT-SE INDEX (*3735)

| | 3600 | 3650 | 3700 | 3750 | 3800 | 3850 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calls | | | | | | |
| Aug | 138½ | 96 | 59 | 30½ | 11½ | 3 |
| Sep | 165 | 128½ | 95 | 66 | 41 | 27½ |
| Oct | 186 | 149½ | 118 | 89½ | 66½ | 46½ |
| Nov | 203½ | 169½ | 139 | 108½ | 85 | 62½ |
| Dec | 221½ | — | 161½ | — | 109 | — |
| Puts | | | | | | |
| Aug | 7½ | 14½ | 28 | 50 | 82 | 122½ |
| Sep | 26 | 39½ | 56 | 77 | 105½ | 139 |
| Oct | 44 | 57 | 75½ | 96½ | 123½ | 154 |
| Nov | 56 | 71½ | 90 | 110½ | 136½ | 164 |
| Dec | 67½ | [illegible] | 105 | — | 153 | — |

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Series | Sep | Dec | Apr | Sep | Dec | Apr |
| Abbey Nat | 550 | 38½ | 53 | 61 | 7 | 15½ | 29 |
| (*584) | 600 | 10½ | 24½ | 33 | 32 | 41 | 55 |
| Amstrad | 140 | 12 | 19½ | — | 5½ | 10 | — |
| (*145) | 160 | 4 | 11½ | — | 17½ | 21 | — |
| Barclays | 800 | 35 | 53 | 69½ | 14½ | 24½ | 40½ |
| (*826½) | 850 | 10 | 30 | 44½ | 42½ | 51½ | 67½ |
| Blue Circ. | 340 | 12½ | 22 | 26½ | 12 | 18 | 19½ |
| (*340½) | 390 | 2½ | 10½ | 14 | 33 | 37 | 38 |
| Br Gas | 180 | 19 | 22½ | 25½ | 2½ | 5 | 7½ |
| (*196½) | 200 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 17½ |
| Dixons | 460 | 42½ | 56 | 64½ | 3 | 8½ | 14 |
| (*496) | 500 | 16 | 31½ | 41 | 16½ | 24½ | 30 |
| Forte | 343 | 30 | — | — | 0 | — | — |
| (*372) | 373 | 5½ | — | — | 6½ | — | — |
| Tarmac | 100 | 5 | 8 | 10½ | 4½ | 8½ | 9 |
| (*104) | 110 | 1½ | 4½ | 6½ | 11 | 14½ | 15 |
| Hillsdown | 180 | 6½ | 11 | 14 | 5 | 9½ | 11 |
| (*181) | 200 | 0½ | 3½ | 6 | 19 | 22½ | 23½ |
| Lonrho | 160 | 9 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 5½ | 8 |
| (*165) | 180 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 15½ | 17 | 19 |
| Sears | 90 | 11½ | 13½ | — | 0½ | 1½ | — |
| (*99½) | 100 | 5½ | 7 | — | 3½ | 5½ | — |
| Thorn | 1700 | 90½ | 118 | — | 23½ | 43 | — |
| (*1774½) | 1800 | 27 | 65 | — | 73½ | 92½ | — |
| Tomkins | 240 | 14½ | 18½ | 22½ | 5½ | 8½ | 12 |
| (*252) | 260 | 4 | 9½ | 13½ | 18 | 19½ | 23 |
| Lloyds TSB | 330 | 20½ | 31 | 37 | 4 | 10 | 18½ |
| (*349) | 360 | 5 | 15½ | 21½ | 19 | 25 | 34 |
| | Series | Oct | Jan | Apr | Oct | Jan | Apr |
| Glaxo W | 891 | 53 | 74 | 92 | 19 | 37½ | 44½ |
| (*904) | 900 | 26½ | 49 | 65½ | 43½ | 54½ | 69 |
| HSBC | 1050 | 65 | 91 | 112 | 24 | 37 | 50½ |
| (*1092) | 1100 | 37½ | 64½ | 84 | 47½ | 60½ | 80 |
| Reuter | 650 | 47 | 69 | 75½ | 13½ | 22½ | 33 |
| (*681) | 700 | 21 | 38½ | 49 | 37 | 46½ | 57 |
| | Series | Oct | Jan | Apr | Oct | Jan | Apr |
| Royal & Sun | 360 | 26½ | 35½ | 40 | 8 | 14½ | 21½ |
| (*386) | 394 | 12½ | 21½ | 29½ | 21½ | 29½ | 36 |
| | Series | Oct | Feb | May | Oct | Feb | May |
| Kingfishr | 600 | 34 | 57 | 65½ | 12 | 23½ | 32 |
| (*623½) | 650 | 14 | 32½ | 40 | 37½ | 49 | 57½ |
| | Series | Oct | Dec | Mar | Oct | Dec | Mar |
| Unilever | 1200 | 67½ | 77½ | 98½ | 7½ | 17 | 22 |
| (*1249½) | 1250 | 34 | 45½ | 67½ | 24½ | 26 | 41 |
| | Series | Sep | Dec | Apr | Sep | Dec | Apr |
| Natl Pwr | 360 | 43 | 59½ | 59½ | 1½ | 7 | 11½ |
| (*390½) | 400 | 13½ | 24½ | 35 | 12 | 22 | 27 |
| Scot Pwr | 300 | 15½ | 21 | 27 | 8½ | 17½ | 18 |
| (*315½) | 330 | 3½ | 9 | 15½ | 27 | 31 | 35½ |

August 1, 1996 Tot: 36772 Call: 19098 Put: 17674 FT-SE Call: 8185 Put: 10444
*Underlying security price.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Sett | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100<br>Previous open interest: 61725 | Sep 96 | 3711.5 | 3744.0 | 3695.0 | 3740.0 | 14908 |
| | Dec 96 | 3720.0 | 3758.0 | 3720.0 | 3760.0 | 220 |
| FT-SE 250<br>Previous open interest: 3491 | Sep 96 | | | | 4242.0 | 0 |
| | Dec 96 | | | | | 0 |
| Three Month Sterling<br>Previous open interest: 419563 | Sep 96 | 94.24 | 94.27 | 94.22 | 94.26 | 13187 |
| | Dec 96 | 94.15 | 94.19 | 94.13 | 94.17 | 13097 |
| | Mar 97 | 93.90 | 93.94 | 93.87 | 93.93 | 8539 |
| Three Mth Euro Yen | Dec 96 | 98.84 | 98.88 | 98.83 | 98.88 | 1720 |
| | Mar 97 | | | | 98.60 | 0 |
| Three Mth Euro DM<br>Previous open interest: 1014601 | Sep 96 | 96.67 | 96.70 | 96.66 | 96.68 | 22442 |
| | Dec 96 | 96.60 | 96.65 | 96.58 | 96.64 | 34360 |
| Long Gilt<br>Previous open interest: 159670 | Sep 96 | 107-10 | 107-18 | 106-28 | 107-12 | 58543 |
| | Dec 96 | | | | 106-18 | 0 |
| Japanese Govmt Bond | Sep 96 | 118.88 | 119.30 | 118.87 | 119.28 | 2347 |
| | Dec 96 | 117.71 | 117.98 | 117.70 | 118.12 | 460 |
| German Gov Bd Bund<br>Previous open interest: 246289 | Sep 96 | 97.13 | 97.34 | 96.85 | 97.26 | 130322 |
| | Dec 96 | 96.05 | 96.36 | 95.94 | 96.37 | 177 |
| Three month ECU<br>Previous open interest: 26308 | Sep 96 | 95.57 | 95.60 | 95.56 | 95.60 | 1140 |
| | Dec 96 | 95.54 | 95.60 | 95.53 | 95.59 | 764 |
| Euro Swiss Franc<br>Previous open interest: 66560 | Sep 96 | 97.51 | 97.57 | 97.50 | 97.55 | 6096 |
| | Dec 96 | 97.41 | 97.47 | 97.39 | 97.45 | 1695 |
| Italian Govmt Bond<br>Previous open interest: 67748 | Sep 96 | 116.02 | 116.47 | 115.75 | 116.32 | 40138 |
| | Dec 96 | 115.20 | 115.30 | 115.18 | 115.62 | 200 |

## MONEY RATES (%)

**Base Rates:** Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
**Discount Market Loans:** O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
**Treasury Bills (Dis):** Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5½.

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prime Bank Bills (Dis): | 5⅝-5½ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | |
| Sterling Money Rates: | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅞-5¾ | 6⅛-6 |
| Interbank: | 5⅞-5¾ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅞-5¾ | 6⅛-6 |

Overnight: open 5¾ close 5½.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Local Authority Deps: | 5⅝ | n/a | 5⅝ | 5⅞ | 6 |
| Sterling CDs: | 5⅝-5½ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅞-5⅝ | 6⅛-5⅞ |
| Dollar CDs: | 5.35 | n/a | 5.53 | 5.71 | 5.96 |
| Building Society CDs: | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅝-5⅝ | 5⅞-5¾ | 6-5⅞ |

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 5¼-4⅞ | 5⅜-5¼ | 5½-5⅜ | 5⅞-5¾ | 5-4 |
| Deutschemark: | 3⅜-3¼ | 3⅜-3¼ | 3⅜-3¼ | 3½-3⅜ | 3½-2½ |
| French Franc: | 3⅞-3¾ | 3⅞-3¾ | 3⅞-3¾ | 3⅞-3¾ | 4-3 |
| Swiss Franc: | 2⅛-2 | 2⅛-2 | 2¼-2⅛ | 2⅜-2¼ | 3-2 |
| Yen: | ½-⅜ | ½-⅜ | ½-⅜ | ⅝-½ | 1-par |

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

**Bullion: Open** $386.60-386.90 **Close:** $386.40-386.90 **High:** $386.30-387.20
**Low:** $385.15-385.55 **AM:** $386.65 **PM:** $386.25

**Krugerrand:** $385.75-388.75 (£247.50-250.50)

**Platinum:** $404.50 (£259.70) **Silver:** $5.13 (£3.295) **Palladium:** $131.50 (£84.45)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mkt Rates for Aug 1 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 2.5711-2.5772 | 2.5721-2.5747 | ¼-⅛pr | 1¼-1⅛pr |
| Brussels | 47.220-47.360 | 47.246-47.336 | 13-8pr | 32-25pr |
| Copenhagen | 8.8550-8.8750 | 8.8637-8.8719 | 1½-1¼pr | 4¼-3¾pr |
| Dublin | 0.9601-0.9636 | 0.9615-0.9630 | 3-1pr | 6-2pr |
| Frankfurt | 2.2914-2.2966 | 2.2935-2.2957 | ½-⅜pr | 1½-1⅜pr |
| Lisbon | 235.70-236.56 | 235.93-236.19 | ¼-¾ds | ¼-1ds |
| Madrid | 195.33-195.97 | 195.54-195.73 | 26-35ds | 76-93ds |
| Milan | 2355.3-2366.4 | 2355.3-2359.0 | 5-7ds | 17-19ds |
| Montreal | 2.1359-2.1418 | 2.1366-2.1386 | 0.26-0.22pr | 0.46-0.40pr |
| New York | 1.5546-1.5576 | 1.5567-1.5576 | 0.057-0.037pr | 0.062-0.032pr |
| Oslo | 9.8960-9.9150 | 9.9045-9.9133 | 1⅛-¾pr | 2¼-1⅝pr |
| Paris | 7.7800-7.7990 | 7.7861-7.7922 | 1⅛-1⅛pr | 4-3⅛pr |
| Stockholm | 10.222-10.260 | 10.222-10.238 | ¼-⅛ds | ¼-½ds |
| Tokyo | 166.12-166.75 | 166.12-166.35 | ½-¼pr | 2½-2⅜pr |
| Vienna | 16.123-16.164 | 16.139-16.156 | ⅝-¼pr | 1-⅛pr |
| Zurich | 1.8660-1.8719 | 1.8688-1.8707 | ⅝-¼pr | 1½-1⅛pr |

*Source: Extel* Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

## DOLLAR RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Australia | 1.2936-1.2953 |
| Austria | 10.34-10.35 |
| Belgium (Com) | 30.32-30.34 |
| Canada | 1.3740-1.3748 |
| Denmark | 5.6839-5.6859 |
| France | 4.9945-4.9965 |
| Germany | 1.4695-1.4700 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7340-7.7350 |
| Ireland | 1.6191-1.6201 |
| Italy | 1516.80-1517.00 |
| Japan | 106.73-106.78 |
| Malaysia | 2.4940-2.4950 |
| Netherlands | 1.6490-1.6495 |
| Norway | 6.3525-6.3545 |
| Portugal | 151.42-151.55 |
| Singapore | 1.4134-1.4144 |
| Spain | 125.31-125.37 |
| Sweden | 6.5683-6.5758 |
| Switzerland | 1.1963-1.1973 |

## OTHER STERLING

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 1.5580-1.5606 |
| Australia dollar | 2.0159-2.0179 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5805-0.5925 |
| Brazil real* | 1.5709-1.5751 |
| China yuan | n/a |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7065-0.7165 |
| Finland markka | 6.9325-7.0485 |
| Greece drachma | 362.00-369.00 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.0534-12.0589 |
| India rupee | 54.99-55.95 |
| Indonesia rupiah | 3622.00-3690.00 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4605-0.4705 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 3.8869-3.8897 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.2788-2.2810 |
| Pakistan rupee | 54.99 Buy |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.6025-5.7000 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.2028-2.2050 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 6.9650-7.0670 |
| U A E dirham | 5.6550-5.7790 |

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## FT-SE VOLUMES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3i | 273 | Marks Spr | 2,800 |
| ASDA Gp | 2,300 | NatWst Bk | 3,000 |
| Abbey Ntl | 4,300 | Nat Grid | 9,700 |
| Allied Dom | 3,600 | Nat Power | 1,500 |
| Argos | 341 | Next | 2,400 |
| AB Foods | 315 | Orange | 4,300 |
| BAA | 2,700 | P & O | 436 |
| BAT Inds | 6,800 | Pearson | 1,200 |
| BOC | 438 | Pilkington | 7,300 |
| BP | 5,300 | PowerGen | 990 |
| BSkyB | 2,100 | Prudential | 2,400 |
| BTR | 3,200 | RMC | 369 |
| BT | 4,400 | RTZ | 1,500 |
| Bk of Scot | 4,800 | Railtrack | 8,200 |
| Barclays | 3,800 | Rank Org | 1,700 |
| Bass | 1,800 | Reckitt Col | 888 |
| Blue Circle | 653 | Redland | 1,600 |
| Boots | 1,200 | Reed Intl | 961 |
| BAe | 1,900 | Rentokil | 5,000 |
| BA | 2,100 | Reuters | 11,400 |
| Brit Gas | 5,000 | Rolls Royce | 2,400 |
| Brit Steel | 3,800 | Royal & Sun | 8,300 |
| Burmah Cstl | 972 | Royal Bk Sct | 3,300 |
| Burton | 3,600 | Safeway | 1,800 |
| Cable Wire | 2,100 | Sainsbury | 3,500 |
| Cadbury | 1,100 | Schroders | 8 |
| Carlton Cms | 1,200 | Scot & New | 698 |
| Cm Union | 2,700 | Scot Power | 2,400 |
| Cookson | 4,100 | Svrn Trent | 427 |
| Courtaulds | 266 | Shell Trans | 10,300 |
| Dixons | 1,400 | Siebe | 1,700 |
| Enterpr Oil | 1,500 | SmKl Bch | 5,200 |
| GKN | 373 | Smith Nph | 2,100 |
| GRE | 2,200 | Smiths Inds | 1,100 |
| GUS | 3,500 | Sthern Elec | 474 |
| Gen Acc | 1,200 | Std Chartd | 1,800 |
| Gen Elec | 5,100 | TI Gp | 1,500 |
| Glaxo Well | 9,100 | Tate & Lyle | 874 |
| Granada | 2,400 | Tesco | 9,200 |
| Grand Met | 3,500 | Thames W | 1,300 |
| Guinness | 2,600 | Thrn EMI | 755 |
| HSBC | 3,100 | Tomkins | 2,000 |
| Hanson | 22,000 | Unilever | 1,500 |
| ICI | 2,500 | Utd Utilities | 1,100 |
| Kingfisher | 2,800 | Utd News | 3,200 |
| LASMO | 3,000 | Vodafone | 6,700 |
| Ladbroke | 2,600 | Whitbread | 1,400 |
| Land Secs | 2,900 | Wlmis Hld | 979 |
| Legal & Gn | 1,200 | Wolseley | 560 |
| Lloyds TSB | 3,500 | Zeneca | 1,300 |

## WALL STREET

| | Aug 1 midday | Jul 31 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 38¼ | 38½ |
| AMR Corp | 78¾ | 78¾ |
| ASA | 40 | 40½ |
| AT & T | 53 | 52½ |
| Abbott Labs | 44¼ | 44 |
| Advanced Micro | 12¼ | 12¼ |
| Aetna Life | 58¾ | 62¾ |
| Ahmanson (HF) | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| Air Prod & Chem | 53¾ | 53½ |
| AirTouch Commi | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Alberto-Culver B | 42¾ | 43¼ |
| Albertsons | 41¼ | 41 |
| Alcan Aluminium | 29¾ | 29¼ |
| Alco Standard | 44¾ | 43¾ |
| Allied Signal | 59 | 58¾ |
| Alum Co of Am | 59¼ | 58 |
| Amax Gold Inc | 5¼ | 5¼ |
| Amerada Hess | 49¾ | 49¾ |
| Amer Brands | 45¼ | 45½ |
| Amer El Power | 42¼ | 41¼ |
| Amer Express | 44¼ | 43¾ |
| Amer Genl Corp | 34¾ | 34¼ |
| Amer Home Pr | 57¾ | 56¾ |
| Amer Intl | 95 | 94¾ |
| Amer Stores | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Amer Standard | 32¾ | 32¼ |
| Ameritech | 56¼ | 55¾ |
| Amoco | 66 | 66¼ |
| Anheuser-Busch | 75¼ | 74¾ |
| Apple Computer | 21¼ | 22 |
| Archer Daniels | 17½ | 17¼ |
| Armco | 4¾ | 4¾ |
| Armstrng Wrld | 56¼ | 55¾ |
| Asarco | 21¼ | 21 |
| Atl Richfield | 116 | 116 |
| Auto Data Pro | 40 | 39¾ |
| Avery Dennison | 52¼ | 51½ |
| Avon Products | 45¼ | 44 |
| Baker Hughes | 30¾ | 29¾ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 26¼ | 25¾ |
| Banc One | 35 | 34¾ |
| BankAmerica | 81¼ | 79¾ |
| Bank of NY | 51¼ | 51½ |
| Bankers Tr NY | 73¼ | 71¼ |
| Barnett Banks | 61¾ | 61¾ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 35¼ | 35¼ |
| Baxter Intl | 42 | 41½ |
| Becton Dicknsn | 75 | 74¾ |
| Bell Atlantic | 59¾ | 59¼ |
| Bell Industries | 16¼ | 16¼ |
| BellSouth | 41¼ | 41 |
| Black & Decker | 37¼ | 36¾ |
| Block (H&R) | 26¼ | 26¾ |
| Boeing | 89¾ | 88¾ |
| Boise Cascade | 31¼ | 32½ |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 87¾ | 86¾ |
| Browning Ferris | 22¾ | 22¾ |
| Brunswick | 19¼ | 19 |
| Burlington Nthn | 78¼ | 78¼ |
| CMS Energy Corp | 30¼ | 30¾ |
| CNA Financial | 100¾ | 100½ |
| CPC Intl | 67 | 66¾ |
| CSX | 49¼ | 48¾ |
| Campbell Soup | 67¾ | 67¾ |
| Can Pacific | 21¼ | 21¼ |
| Carolina Pwr | 30¾ | 30 |
| Caterpillar | 67 | 65¾ |
| Central & SW | 27 | 26¾ |
| Champion Intl | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| Chase Manhat | 70¾ | 69½ |
| Chevron Corp | 57¾ | 57¾ |
| Chrysler | 29¾ | 29¼ |
| Chubb Corp | 42¼ | 41¾ |
| Cigna Corp | 107 | 106¾ |
| Citicorp | 81¾ | 81¾ |
| Clorox | 91¼ | 90¾ |
| Coastal Corp | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Coca Cola | 47¼ | 46¾ |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 79¼ | 78½ |
| Columbia Gas | 54¾ | 53¾ |
| Columbia/HCA | 52¾ | 51¼ |
| Compaq Comp | 54¾ | 54¼ |
| Comp Ass Intl | 51¼ | 50¾ |
| Conagra | 43½ | 42¼ |
| Conrail | 65¾ | 65¾ |
| Cons Edison | 27¼ | 27 |
| Cons Nat Gas | 51¼ | 50¾ |
| Cooper Inds | 39¼ | 39¼ |
| Corestates | 39¼ | 39¾ |
| Corning Inc | 36¼ | 36¼ |
| Crown Cork | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Dana Corp | 28¾ | 27¼ |
| Dayton Hudson | 30¼ | 30¾ |
| Deere | 36¼ | 35¼ |
| Delta Air Lines | 69¾ | 69¼ |
| Deluxe Corp | 36¼ | 36¼ |
| Digital Equip | 35¾ | 35¾ |
| Dillard Dept St | 32¼ | 31¼ |
| Disney (Walt) | 56¾ | 55¾ |
| Dominion Res | 38¼ | 37¼ |
| Donnelley (RR) | 32¼ | 32¼ |
| Dover Corp | 43½ | 42¾ |
| Dow Chemical | 74 | 74¼ |
| Dow Jones | 30¾ | 30¾ |
| Dresser | 27¾ | 27 |
| Duke Power | 49 | 47¾ |
| Dun & Bradstreet | 57¼ | 57¼ |
| Du Pont | 80¾ | 80¾ |
| Eastman Chem | 52¾ | 52¾ |
| Eastman Kodak | 75¼ | 74¾ |

| | Aug 1 midday | Jul 31 close |
|---|---|---|
| Eaton Corp | 55¾ | 55¼ |
| Edison Intl | 15¾ | 15¾ |
| Emerson Elec | 84¼ | 84¼ |
| Engelhard Corp | 20¾ | 20 |
| Enron Corp | 39¼ | 39¼ |
| Entergy | 25¾ | 25¾ |
| Ethyl Corp | 9 | 9 |
| Exxon | 82¾ | 82¾ |
| FMC Corp | 64¾ | 64¾ |
| FPL Group | 45¼ | 45½ |
| Federal Express | 78¾ | 77¼ |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 32¼ | 31¾ |
| First Bk Sys | 61½ | 61½ |
| First Union Fin | 66 | 66¼ |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 41½ | 40¾ |
| Fluor Corp | 61½ | 60¾ |
| Ford Motor | 32¼ | 32¼ |
| GTE Corp | 41¼ | 41½ |
| Gannett | 66 | 65¼ |
| Gap Inc Del | 30¼ | 29¼ |
| Gen Dynamics | 64¾ | 64 |
| Gen Electric | 83 | 82¾ |
| Gen Mills | 55 | 54¾ |
| Gen Motors | 49¼ | 49¼ |
| Gen Reinsurance | 146¾ | 146¾ |
| Gen Signal | 38¼ | 39¼ |
| Genuine Parts | 42¼ | 42¾ |
| Georgia Pac | 75¼ | 74¾ |
| Gillette | 63¼ | 63¼ |
| Glaxo Wellc ADR | 27¾ | 27¼ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 37¾ | 36¾ |
| Goodyear Tire | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Grace (W&R) | 63¾ | 63¾ |
| Grt Atl Pac Tea | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Great Wstn Fin | 23¾ | 23¼ |
| Halliburton | 54 | 52¾ |
| Harcourt General | 45¼ | 47¼ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 33¾ | 33½ |
| Hercules | 50¾ | 50¾ |
| Hershey Foods | 82¾ | 82 |
| Hewlett Packard | 43¾ | 44 |
| Hilton Hotels | 104 | 102 |
| Home Depot | 51 | 50¾ |
| Homestake Mng | 16¼ | 16¼ |
| Honeywell | 53¾ | 53 |
| Household Intl | 75¼ | 74¼ |
| Houston Inds | 23¼ | 22¾ |
| Humana | 16¾ | 16¼ |
| ITT Corp | 57¾ | 56½ |
| Illinois Tool | 64¾ | 64¾ |
| Illinova | 26¼ | 25¾ |
| INCO | 30¾ | 30¼ |
| Ingersoll Rand | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| Inland Steel | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| Intel Corp | 75¾ | 75½ |
| IBM | 107¾ | 107¼ |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 43½ | 42¾ |
| Intl Paper | 38¼ | 37¼ |
| James River Va | 25½ | 25¼ |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 48¾ | 47¼ |
| Kellogg | 76¼ | 74¼ |
| Kerr-McGee | 57 | 57 |
| Kimberly-Clark | 76¼ | 76 |
| Kmart | 10 | 10 |
| Knight-Ridder | [illegible] | 65½ |
| Lilly (Eli) | 57 | 56 |
| Limited Inc | 19¼ | 19¼ |
| Lincoln Nat | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Litton | 43¾ | 43 |
| Liz Claiborne | 32¾ | 32¾ |
| Lockheed Martin | 82¾ | 82¼ |
| Louisiana Pac | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| MCI Comm | 25¾ | 25¾ |
| Marriott Int | 52¾ | 51¼ |
| Marsh & McLen | 92¾ | 92¾ |
| Masco Corp | 28 | 27¾ |
| May Dept St | 44¾ | 44¼ |
| Maytag Corp | 19¾ | 20 |
| McDonalds | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| McDonnell D | 46 | 44¾ |
| McGraw Hill | 39¾ | 39 |
| Mead Corp | 54¼ | 54¼ |
| Medtronic | 48¾ | 47¾ |
| Mellon Bk | 53¾ | 52¾ |
| Melville Corp | 39 | 38¾ |
| Merck Inc | 65¾ | 64¾ |
| Merrill Lynch | 60¾ | 60¾ |
| Microsoft | 119¼ | 117¼ |
| Minnesota Mine | 66¾ | 66 |
| Mobil Corp | 114 | 110¾ |
| Monsanto | 30¼ | 31¼ |
| Morgan (JP) | 86¼ | 86 |
| Motorola Inc | 53¾ | 54 |
| Natl Semi | 14¼ | 14¼ |
| Natl Service Ind | 37¼ | 38¼ |
| Navistar Intl | 10 | 10 |
| NY Times A | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| Newmont Mng | 50¾ | 50¾ |
| Niag Mohawk | 7¼ | 7¼ |
| Nike B | 104 | 102¾ |
| NL Industries | 10¾ | 10¾ |
| Noram Energy | 10¾ | 10¾ |
| Nordstrom | 40¾ | 41¼ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 83¼ | 82¾ |
| Nthn State Pwr | 45¼ | 44¼ |
| Norwest Corp | 35¾ | 35½ |
| Nynex Corp | 45¾ | 44¾ |
| Occidental Pet | 22¾ | 22¾ |
| Ohio Edison | 21¼ | 21 |
| Oracle | 39¾ | 39¼ |

| | Aug 1 midday | Jul 31 close |
|---|---|---|
| Oryx Energy Co | 15¼ | 15¾ |
| Overseas Ship | 17¾ | 17¼ |
| Owens Corning | 37¾ | 37¼ |
| PHH Corp | 26¼ | 55¾ |
| PPG Industries | 49¾ | 49¼ |
| PNC Bank | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| PP&L Res | 22 | 22¼ |
| Paccar Inc | 45¾ | 45½ |
| Pacificorp | 21¼ | 20¾ |
| Pac Enterprises | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| Pac Gas & Elect | 20¾ | 19¾ |
| Pac Telesis | 34 | 33¾ |
| Pall Corp | 24¼ | 24¾ |
| Parker Hannifin | 34¾ | 34¼ |
| Peco Energy | 24 | 23¾ |
| Penney (JC) | 48¼ | 49¾ |
| Pennzoil | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Pepsico | 31¼ | 31¼ |
| Pfizer | 70¾ | 69¾ |
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### Commercial development

SAFEWAY is deep in discussion with the Labour Party in its bid to sponsor the crèche at this year's annual conference in the autumn. This will be the first time that the Labour Party has invited sponsorship for the crèche that will cater for about 60 political offspring at the party conference in Blackpool. "We want to provide more than just money," says Safeway. TV advert stars Harry and Molly may well put in an appearance.

### Eastern promise

NO WONDER Tony Vice, chairman of Bowthorpe, is "over the moon" at Paul Cheng's appointment as a non-executive director to the electronics group. The non-executive chairman of Inchcape Pacific and non-executive chairman of NM Rothschild Hong Kong is a key member of the Chinese committee preparing for Hong Kong's handover to China. The ideal person, then, to guide Bowthorpe through the group's significant expansion plans in the Far East. "He's a bright, well-informed, outstanding man," gushes Vice.

### Speedwriter

DAVID SIMONS, Somerfield's chief executive, clearly isn't cut out to wear a visor and a five o'clock shadow. To get his own back for the media coverage during Somerfield's serial share price slashing, Simons jumped at *Super-Marketing* magazine's invitation to stand in as editor for the day. He arrived only minutes before 10am, and was out of the door by 3pm, flying faster than any supermarket trolley. One astonished staff writer said: "He wrote all his news stories out in longhand, scribbling away on an A4 pad. His assistant was still there at the end of the day, typing it all into the system."

"It's a new catalogue from Littlewoods"

### Road race

UPS is awarding itself a gold medal for its contribution to the Olympic Games. When Sharon Cole, a Canadian sports clothing manufacturer, heard that the Mongolian team had spent its budget getting to the Games, leaving them without funding for uniforms, she lent a hand and stitched an outfit for the team's road cyclist. While Cole spent the night sewing, Bruce Ironside, UPS centre manager, drove 50 miles to Cole's factory in Moose Jaw to pick up the parcel and deliver it to Atlanta, in time for Tumur-Ochir Dash Yam's race.

### Pigeon-holed

THE Royal Bank of Scotland is picking holes in the Bradford & Bingley commercial that poses the question: "Why do you never see baby pigeons?" Not true, says Richard Taylor, deputy chief economist at RBS, who has been pigeon-watching from his fifth-floor window at Waterhouse Square in Holborn since some pigeons set up nest there in the spring. Taylor was in on the action from the day the birds started dating. The chicks are now two-weeks-old, and yesterday it was Taylor's turn to scare away a predatory hawk.

MORAG PRESTON

# Managers' tough lessons prompt hard questions

Attitudes have started to change, says **Victoria McKee**

Melanie King said: "Launching yourself off a cliff backwards is a little like this business"

The recent death of Thomas Denny, a 54-year-old British Rail executive, while being forced to pothole on one of the physically rigorous management training courses that have become so fashionable has raised urgent questions about their safety. Aside from the question of whether it is medically risky for sedentary executives to be forced out suddenly from behind their desks to pothole, abseil or try their chances at surviving in the wilderness without secretaries or company cars, there are other questions that need to be asked about the usefulness of such courses. Does being able to climb mountains make it easier to scale corporate heights? Do such courses discriminate against older, disabled or female employees?

The experience can be terrifying. One managing director actually flew over his staff in a helicopter as they played war games in a "Who Dares Wins" SAS commando-style day, making notes on potential high-flyers and, it was felt, writing off the stragglers. The pressures were enormous — even among those who felt they could only lose.

That company, a medical supplier, had decided not to tell its sales force that instead of spending the weekend in quaint country hostelries they would be knee deep in mud on wet hillsides splatting paint guns at each other and gnawing slimy, mud-baked chicken.

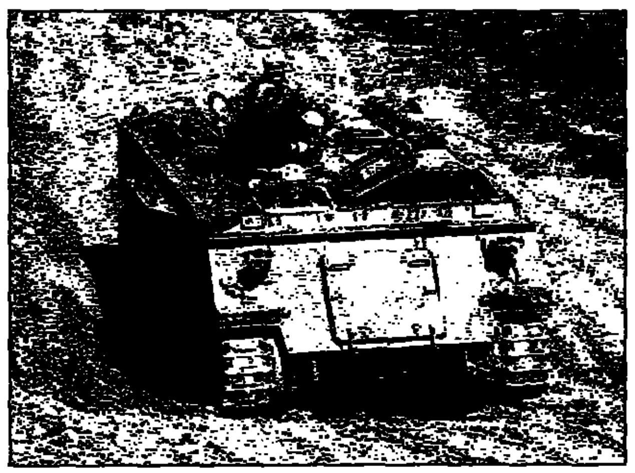
Another firm, makers of filing systems, had parachutists swoop down on its unsuspecting sales force and "kidnap" them, herding them into lorries to try to regain their freedom by escaping across an army assault course. "They were all scared stiff," the organiser of the "task day" laughingly recalled. He did add: "We had carefully vetted their health records so we were able to pull out those who were too old or had a bad back so they could serve as observers. Everyone survived, but there were a few sprained ankles."

Maggie Kaye, 43, who runs Marketa, a small computer consultancy in Berkshire, was initially horrified by the abseiling she was expected to do on an outdoor activities course as part of her training at the Henley Management College. Although it was ten years ago, and she went down the rock face with her eyes closed, she'll never forget the faces and names of the men that helped her through it.

Did she get anything of lasting use out of what was probably the scariest experience in her life? "I think it's made me more cynical," she reflects. "Such activities do focus you very quickly into groups, but I'm not sure how long it lasts. The trouble is, when you go back to your ordinary environment, the first five phone calls and you start to forget. I had a phobia about heights when I went, but by the last day we had to build a raft out of oil drums and then climb up a ladder on to a quay and I was nearly on the top when several stopped and stared and said 'Maggie's not afraid!' — but now if I stand on a chair I go quivery again."

Melanie King, a 31-year-old City dealer in the foreign exchange and money markets with Standard Chartered Bank, has a high-pressure job and didn't mind being asked to go on a high-pressure physical activity motivation course, again organised by Henley Management College. "I'm fairly fit, and, although I'd never abseiled before, the whole idea of launching yourself off the side of a cliff backwards is a little like this business," she says. "So I'm not intimidated by such situations, but there were some people on the course who were, and who 'bottomed out' of it. The rest of us had to try to bring them through that, as they were quite upset and lost confidence."

Although most reputable course leaders emphasise over and over again that "no one is forced to do anything, and if they tell us they're afraid, or don't feel fit enough for an activity, we can always find them another useful role that will make them still feel part of the team", the truth is that when your MD or CEO comes into the room rubbing his hands with glee and telling you you're all going off on a team-building course to show him you're made of The Right Stuff, it's very hard to admit any fears about fitness or failure.



Outdoor courses are focusing more on team-building

Cary Cooper, an occupational psychologist at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, said: "The personnel manager should always ask every individual privately, never in public, whether he or she wants to go on such a course, and he or she should never feel obliged to say 'yes'." Professor Cooper can see the business uses of outdoor activity courses in management training — provided they are only attended by freely consenting, fully fit adults.

But Professor Cooper said: "There have been both physical and psychological injuries which have been making people ask: 'Why do these motivational courses have to involve physical challenges? Surely they can be activity-based, but not rigorous.' I think the abseiling, Marine boot-camp element is going, and that's a good thing."

Charles Moyle, a leading proponent of military commando-style corporate courses — whose Moyle's Motivational Marketing, based in Worcestershire, co-opted Lofty Wiseman, the former SAS man, to lead executives into the wilderness to live on their wits — surprisingly agrees. "Lofty's good, but he barks too much, and these days people want more sophistication and, frankly, to go somewhere carpeted at night. Things have moved on from 1986, when we started," he reflects, now rejoicing in an annual turnover of £5 million.

Certainly, Rockwater, the Aberdeen engineering company whose executives shivered and quivered in front of the cameras on *Cutting Edge* three years ago on a rigorous survival course run by John Ridgeway's Adventure School in the wilds of Scotland, has "stopped doing the outdoor programmes now", according to a spokeswoman. "We're doing other exercises now in management development."

There is an increasingly perceptible attitude shift away from adventure training and survival-type courses to more congenial activities. Stefan Wills, programme director for Ashridge Management College's four-week general management programme, says, "We do a lot of outdoor activities and have just had our own outdoor facility built, because we feel they help people to gel or bond as a group, and help managers to understand group processes. But we don't do gung-ho stuff, and we operate what we call a 'challenge by choice' system with no pressure. Anyone who chooses to stand back will be found another useful role." Still, at Ashridge you might be called upon to lift a colleague four feet off the ground through a "spider's web" strung between two trees (an exercise in "strategic thinking"), or find yourself crawling along a cable (an exercise in "coaching").

Peter Wynn went on an Ashridge course when he began to head the regional waste business for Yorkshire Environmental, of Rotherham, "because my boss thought that taking on this new role needed a different leadership style. I'm not particularly fit — I'm overweight — but it was all right because I never had to go more than three or four feet off the ground, and it was about problem-solving more than physical prowess."

Catalyst, another corporate motivation company, has, like most of the successful course organisers, been moving towards offering a wider choice of "less gung-ho", more task-focused programmes. John Bird, marketing director, said that in 1990 the group had about six products, one of which involved outdoor activities. "Today, we have 40 different products, more than half of which are indoor team-building activities designed specifically to negotiate a specific subject such as planning, negotiation, or customer service."

Catalyst has an activity called "Cubed" which Professor Cooper would recommend to entrepreneurial types. It involves having to put together a puzzle blindfolded, with team members giving instructions on musical instruments. He said: "It would be a great change for them to be told what to do by someone else, and to do something slow and painstaking like putting together a puzzle."

## BUSINESS LETTERS

### Customer satisfaction should be key to utility directors' incentives

*From Mr Richard Warden*

Sir, United Utilities' shareholders have approved a very generous directors' incentive plan (Report, July 27) that is based on comparisons with FTSE companies operating in a free market, but which ignores the customer. I believe we need a mechanism whereby customer satisfaction, or lack of it, can affect the balance sheets of these companies.

A customer-complaints body funded by the companies, but run independently by the regulators, should monitor the number and severity of complaints on a company by company basis. A formula should be adopted whereby charge increases are amended according to the complaints received.

For example, if the level of complaints were high it could be determined that, in a free market, a percentage of customers would have changed supplier. The charge increase a regulator allows for the next year would be reduced to reflect this loss of income.

A company with a very poor customer-satisfaction rating could be forced to reduce its charges and lose income, just as happens in the real world. A company with a very good rating would be allowed the maximum charge increases commensurate with the other factors that the regulator has to consider.

Some may complain that such a model of free-market dynamics is artificial and unfair, but it is no more so than the scheme that United Utilities has adopted. Sir Desmond Pitcher has said of his scheme: "You're just going to have to accept this if you want a good company that is run well and if you want good people running the company."

I suggest the customer's response is: "I want the right that every paying customer has in a free market to change supplier if I think you are not a good company. As I am a captive customer and cannot change, you're just going to have to accept this mechanism instead."

This change is needed now before other utilities jump on the bandwagon, adopt similar schemes, and leave tens of millions of customers with no right to vote on their performance.

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### Tough on winners of energy shares

*From David Marshall*

Sir, As one of those who applied for more than 3,000 shares in the recent British Energy privatisation, my allotment was nil.

I'm delighted, of course, but isn't this arbitrary method of dealing with over-subscription unfair to those unfortunates who applied for fewer than 3,000 shares?

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### Industrial investment in Britain

*From Mr Michael Walton*

Sir, Further to the piece by Philip Bassett on the relative scales of British industry's inward and outward investment (July 23), and the letter from Mr Green, perhaps someone can tell me why, if foreign companies find Britain so attractive a place in which to set up manufacturing, do the same financial equations not prompt British companies to make similar investments here on their own turf?

For all the self-congratulation on the numbers of jobs created by outside investment, surely the wealth thus created is exported back home rather than staying here. Do we really just want to be the "sweat shop" of Europe?

Yours faithfully,
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### One rule for directors

*From Mr Nigel L. Denton*

Sir, As much of the text in the mini-prospectus for the Somerfield flotation concerned their past financial problems and contained little reference to their future investment plans, I decided not to invest. Had I decided otherwise I would have taken heed of the oft-repeated warning that the value of investments can go up as well as down.

While I do not personally have a problem with executive share options it is not very reassuring to read (Options raised in store float, July 23) that the share options for the directors of Somerfield have been increased to allow for the reduced flotation price. Ordinary investors have to take the risks and are not in a position to change the rules in the middle of the game.

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# Bonds that tie the City with Japan

Scholars will appreciate a new book that is rich in history, says **Jon Ashworth**

It was natural that Sir Paul Newall, who was Lord Mayor of London two years ago, would reserve a special place for Japan and build on the City's links with that country.

His father-in-law, Sir Julian Ridsdale, was attached to the British Embassy in Tokyo in the late 1930s and enjoys an enduring association with Japan. Sir Paul witnessed the workings of Japanese finance in his years with Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank.

On a mayoral visit to Tokyo in April 1994, Sir Paul was eager to beat the drum, emphasising London's dominance in the European time-zone and hailing Japan's significance as an investor. Now, he has encapsulated his thoughts in a book, *Japan and the City of London*.

Scholars and bankers will appreciate a work that is rich in history and statistics. In 1859, William Keswick, of Jardine Matheson, became the first British trader to settle in Yokohama, one of the first two treaty ports. Britain pioneered Japan's first telegraph lines and by 1880 half of Japan's foreign trade was being handled by British trading houses. Loyalties shifted to the US in the 1920s and 1930s, but reverted after 1945. The rise of the Euromarkets in the 1960s re-established London as the main conduit for Japanese fund-raising. In 1964, fewer than 2,000 Japanese were living in London. By the early 1990s, UK numbers had swollen to 54,000.

The UK was host to over 1,000 Japanese companies by the mid-1990s

Many of the early London arrivals settled in Hendon and Finchley, attracted by a Japanese school. The area became known as "Little Tokyo". South Croydon was another favourite area. It is recorded that Nomura's salesmen were at first given only £100 a month towards living expenses. Memories of the Second World War lingered, and the newcomers went out of their way to mend fences. They placed great store by the value of research documents, as a UK fund manager discovered during a trip to Tokyo in the early 1970s.

Two employees of Yamaichi Securities turned up at his hotel, bearing a large parcel. Conscious of Japanese generosity, he presented each with a bottle of Johnnie Walker Black Label whisky, a prized accessory, then as now. He opened the package to discover Yamaichi's entire research output for the year.

By 1987, London was by far the most important centre for Japanese financial activities in Europe. Japanese institutions accounted for 26 per cent of all banking assets in the UK. Japanese finance houses provided jobs for 12,000 Britons. In 1989, the big four Japanese securities house, Nomura, Nikko, Daiwa and Yamaichi, together accounted for nearly 40 per cent of all new Eurobond issues.

Japanese industrial investment began in the 1970s with a zip fastener factory in Runcorn. Sony and Panasonic set up plants in Wales, and Hitachi opened a factory in the North East.

The car industry followed: Nissan in Sunderland; Toyota in Derby; and later Honda. By the mid-1990s, the UK played host to more than 1,000 Japanese companies providing jobs for 80,000 people.

Sir Paul explores the wave of property investment in London, which peaked in 1989 with 20 acquisitions worth more than £1 billion. Sumitomo Life took a half stake in JP Morgan's building and Meiji Life bought 50 per cent of the Goldman Sachs building in Fleet Street. Investment dried up in the recession.

The enduring Japanese view of the City was perhaps best summed up by Emperor Hirohito on his state visit in 1971. He told an audience at Guildhall: "The Japanese people have always looked up to the City of London ... as the depository of financial and commercial expertise and observed, with wonder and respect, its indomitable spirit of freedom, strict code of gentlemanly conduct, and courage to make a startling departure from old practices as occasion arises." He received a standing ovation.

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| City Fin Japan | 153.05 | 160.72 | | |
| Friars Hse Cap | 306.36 | 325.91† | | 3.02 |
| Friars Hse Inc | 194.86 | 207.30 | .. | 3.64 |
| Buckley Wrld Gwth | 138.45 | 146.78 | | |
| J Sld Inc/Gth Inc | 54.11 | 56.82† | + 0.67 | 3.39 |
| Shaw Utilities | 57.42 | 58.40 | + 0.51 | 6.23 |
| **CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300 | | | | |
| Emerging Markets | 56.49 | 58.94† | + 0.08 | |
| **CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 772 233 | | | | |
| American Gwth | 74.78 | 79.56 | + 0.70 | |
| Dragon Growth | 70.32 | 75.20 | + 1.17 | 0.39 |
| Equity High Inc | 87.83 | 93.25 | + 0.39 | 4.34 |
| -do- Accum | 123.83 | 132.67 | + 0.55 | 4.34 |
| Extra Income Inc | 26.07 | 27.44† | | 7.64 |
| Extra Income Acc | 28.27 | 29.75 | | 7.64 |
| European Gwth | 61.74 | 65.51 | + 0.30 | 0.96 |
| Evergreen | 31.74 | 33.94 | + 0.02 | |
| General Equity | 98.94 | 104.90† | + 0.59 | 3.16 |
| Japan Growth | 52.12 | 55.45 | + 0.25 | |
| Pedigree Gwth | 61.50 | 65.43 | + 0.15 | 2.46 |
| Ped Sm Cos Inc | 37.63 | 40.03 | | 1.49 |
| -do- Accum | 39.87 | 42.41 | | 1.49 |
| Retirement Inc # | 26.81 | 28.52† | - 0.06 | 8.08 |
| Special Sits | 45.72 | 48.64 | + 0.09 | 2.87 |
| UK & Overseas | 57.62 | 61.13 | + 0.66 | 0.77 |
| **COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01634 898 000 | | | | |
| Balanced | 65.76 | 69.50 | - 1.32 | 4.19 |
| Capital | 79.82 | 83.14 | + 0.43 | 2.30 |
| High Income | 50.24 | 52.33† | - 0.75 | 7.24 |
| Top 50 | 53.43 | 55.65 | + 0.33 | 2.19 |
| **COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD** | | | | |
| 0181 686 9818 | | | | |
| *PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)* | | | | |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| Equity Inc | 186.03 | 193.78 | + 0.56 | 4.74 |
| Long Gilt | 42.20 | 43.93† | + 0.11 | 6.39 |
| Monthly Inc Plus | 48.46 | 50.50 | + 0.06 | 8.87 |
| Preference Share | 46.36 | 48.29† | - 0.96 | 8.07 |
| Balanced Funds | | | | |
| High Yield | 133.97 | 139.55† | + 0.24 | 6.11 |
| Managed Fund | 74.92 | 78.04 | - 0.46 | 2.75 |
| UK Growth Funds | | | | |
| Smaller Cos | 50.09 | 52.18 | + 0.07 | 1.82 |
| -do- Accum | 59.20 | 61.67 | + 0.07 | 1.82 |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511 | | | | |
| American Growth | 73.40 | 78.24 | + 0.58 | |
| -do- Accum | 73.40 | 78.24 | + 0.56 | |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 638.20 | 682.80 | + 5.80 | |
| -do- Accum | 652.10 | 697.40 | + 5.20 | |
| Capital Tst | 383.70 | 408.20 | + 0.60 | 1.50 |
| -do- Accum | 560.60 | 596.40 | + 1.00 | 1.50 |
| Cont Smllr Cos | 62.85 | 67.04 | + 0.26 | 0.42 |
| -do- Accum | 66.86 | 71.32 | + 0.28 | 0.42 |
| Convertible | 138.30 | 147.70† | + 0.10 | 5.86 |
| -do- Accum | 299.30 | 318.40† | + 0.20 | 5.86 |
| Emerging Markets | 68.55 | 73.24 | + 0.54 | 0.30 |
| -do- Accum | 68.80 | 73.50 | + 0.55 | 0.30 |
| European | 148.30 | 157.20 | + 0.50 | 0.90 |
| -do- Accum | 157.10 | 166.70 | + 0.60 | 0.90 |
| Extra Income | 368.90 | 392.40† | + 0.50 | 4.10 |
| -do- Accum | 587.30 | 624.80† | + 0.80 | 4.10 |
| Financial | 162.20 | 172.60 | + 1.20 | 0.46 |
| -do- Accum | 172.40 | 183.40 | + 1.20 | 0.48 |
| Gilt Trust | 64.27 | 66.26 | + 0.06 | 6.79 |
| -do- Accum | 97.34 | 100.30 | | 6.79 |
| Health Fund Inc | 244.20 | 260.90 | + 1.60 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 244.20 | 260.90 | + 1.60 | .. |
| Income & Growth | 221.80 | 236.00 | + 1.40 | 3.61 |
| -do- Accum | 351.60 | 374.00 | + 2.20 | 3.61 |
| Intl Growth | 432.30 | 460.40 | + 2.60 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 480.00 | 511.30 | + 3.00 | . |
| Japan & Gen | 178.00 | 189.20 | + 0.10 | |
| -do- Accum | 179.80 | 191.10 | + 0.20 | |
| Monthly Inc # | 188.80 | 200.90† | + 0.80 | 4.38 |
| Managed Port Inc | 118.40 | 124.60 | + 0.40 | 1.44 |
| -do- Accum | 128.60 | 135.40 | + 0.50 | 1.44 |
| Quarterly Income # | 55.27 | 59.33 | + 0.08 | 4.91 |
| -do- Accum # | 62.47 | 67.06 | + 0.06 | 4.91 |
| Recovery | 365.20 | 390.80† | + 1.90 | 0.23 |
| -do- Accum | 431.10 | 461.10† | + 2.30 | 0.23 |
| UK Growth | 82.90 | 86.91 | + 0.20 | 2.76 |
| -do- Accum | 68.21 | 72.56 | + 0.22 | 2.76 |
| **FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834 | | | | |
| FP American | 58.25 | 62.24 | + 0.45 | 0.39 |
| FP Am Smllr Cos | 189.00 | 201.60 | - 0.10 | |
| FP Asian Growth | 271.80 | 289.60 | - 1.20 | |
| FP Australian | 391.50 | 417.60† | + 0.20 | |
| FP Equity Dist | 434.60 | 463.50 | + 5.90 | 2.57 |
| -do- Accum | 958.20 | 1010.22 | + 13.00 | 2.57 |
| FP Euro Gth | 275.80 | 294.20 | + 1.90 | |
| -do- Accum | 301.70 | 321.80 | + 1.60 | |
| FP Int Bond | 59.17 | 62.61† | - 1.24 | 4.44 |
| FP Intl Gth Dist | 37.49 | 39.98 | - 0.11 | 0.14 |
| -do- Accum | 54.73 | 58.37 | - 0.18 | 0.14 |
| FP Pac Basin Acc | 217.60 | 232.10 | - 1.40 | |
| FP Income # | 56.81 | 60.59 | - 0.28 | 5.18 |
| -do- Accum # | 198.50 | 211.70 | - 0.90 | 5.18 |
| FP Jap Smllr Cos | 318.80 | 340.00 | - 4.00 | |
| FP Monthly Dist # | 73.86 | 78.77† | - 0.55 | 5.74 |
| FP Stlg Deposit | 100.30 | 100.30† | | 5.05 |
| FP Tokyo | 84.29 | 89.90 | - 0.70 | .. |
| FP UK Focus | 40.90 | 43.62 | + 0.07 | 2.36 |
| FP UK Growth | 188.20 | 200.70 | + 0.30 | 2.45 |
| -do- Accum | 379.20 | 404.40 | + 0.30 | 2.45 |
| Stewardship Dist | 409.30 | 436.40 | + 2.70 | 1.52 |
| -do- Accum | 513.00 | 547.10 | + 3.30 | 1.52 |
| Stwdshp Inc Dist # | 79.17 | 84.44† | - 0.20 | 4.85 |
| -do- Accum # | 108.20 | 115.40 | + 0.80 | 4.85 |
| N Am Stshp Dist | 117.60 | 125.60† | + 1.00 | 0.45 |
| -do- Accum | 126.60 | 135.00 | + 1.10 | 0.45 |
| FP Managed Portfolio Service | | | | |
| Capital Gwth Acc | 123.20 | 131.00 | - 0.70 | 1.67 |
| Opno Cap Gth Acc | 127.20 | 135.30 | + 0.50 | 0.21 |
| Cap Gth Inc Inc # | 114.90 | 122.20† | - 0.90 | 2.99 |
| Cap Gth Inc Acc # | 121.80 | 129.50 | + 0.70 | 2.99 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic # | 116.70 | 124.10† | - 1.30 | 3.54 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac # | 124.60 | 132.50 | + 0.60 | 3.54 |
| **GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 581 106/7 | | | | |
| CANDA | 275.40 | 291.20 | + 2.00 | 2.12 |
| Cash | 49.27 | 50.07 | - 0.48 | 5.32 |
| Growth Portfolio | 86.44 | 91.63 | + 0.69 | 0.89 |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sector Value Inc # | 97.68 | 103.20 | + 0.70 | 3.91 |
| Sector Value Gwth | 98.61 | 104.10 | + 0.60 | 2.27 |
| Hy 5 Europe | 98.27 | 103.10 | + 0.40 | 2.89 |
| Slater Gwth | 150.70 | 159.00 | + 0.50 | 0.82 |
| **JUPITER UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 581 3020 | | | | |
| World Health | 184.80 | 195.50 | + 1.40 | |
| Income # | 204.28 | 217.31† | + 0.74 | 4.45 |
| UK Growth | 81.89 | 87.11† | + 0.27 | 1.97 |
| Intl Growth | 90.09 | 95.83† | + 0.50 | 0.44 |
| Ecology | 100.01 | 106.39 | + 0.26 | 1.01 |
| European | 195.56 | 208.04† | - 0.08 | |
| Far Eastern | 310.00 | 329.70 | + 2.60 | |
| UK Special Sits | 46.73 | 49.84 | + 0.14 | |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N Amer Growth | 128.78 | 136.92 | + 1.05 | 0.82 |
| Special Sits Growth | 26.44 | 28.12 | + 0.64 | 2.04 |
| UK Growth | 440.88 | 469.02 | + 0.65 | 2.68 |
| -do- Accum | 598.23 | 636.41 | + 0.66 | 2.68 |
| **MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD** | | | | |
| 01620 825867 | | | | |
| Balanced Fd # | 1445.80 | 1458.20 | | 2.90 |
| Income # | 1006.10 | 1021.70† | .. | 4.00 |
| **MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 222 4242 | | | | |
| Maldon General | 160.20 | 164.10† | | 3.69 |

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| Income Trusts | | | | |
| Bond Income | 99.80 | 103.20 | | 7.36 |
| Gilt Yield | 118.10 | 124.50 | + 0.20 | 6.60 |
| Global Income | 229.80 | 243.40† | | 3.66 |
| High Yield | 147.80 | 157.20† | + 0.50 | 5.70 |
| -do- Accum | 480.90 | 511.60† | + 1.10 | 5.70 |
| Smlr Cos Div | 59.54 | 62.34† | - 2.03 | 3.49 |
| Capital Growth Trusts | | | | |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 145.00 | 154.30 | + 1.90 | |
| Asian Growth | 329.00 | 350.00 | + 0.40 | 0.24 |
| -do- Accum | 386.60 | 411.30 | + 0.40 | 0.24 |
| North American | 103.40 | 110.00 | - 0.50 | 0.24 |
| European Special | 124.30 | 132.20† | + 0.60 | 1.26 |
| European | 179.10 | 190.50 | + 0.10 | 0.47 |
| -do- Accum | 235.60 | 250.60 | | 0.47 |

| | Sell | Buy | +/- | Yld % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 363432 | | | | |
| M & S Inv Ptolio | 172.10 | 177.40† | + 0.70 | 2.60 |
| -do- Accum | 204.20 | 210.60† | + 0.90 | 2.60 |
| UK Sel Ptflio | 150.10 | 154.80 | + 0.70 | 2.58 |
| -do- Accum | 180.90 | 186.50 | + 0.80 | 2.58 |
| UK 100 Cos | 110.60 | 110.60 | + 0.80 | 2.91 |
| **MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01204 364 842 | | | | |
| Managed Fd | 73.91 | 78.62 | + 0.08 | 3.67 |
| **MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 479 4646 | | | | |
| Intl Income | 79.50 | 84.40 | + 0.52 | 3.76 |
| European | 104.40 | 110.80 | + 0.70 | 0.63 |
| Income # | 80.18 | 85.33 | + 0.52 | 4.32 |

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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 556 | 419 | Allied Domecq | 454½ | +6½ | 6.5 | 17.2 |
| 625 | 500 | Bulmer (HP)† | 594 | ... | 2.8 | ... |
| 131 | 96 | Burn Stewart | 101 | ... | 6.2 | 21.8 |
| 775 | 615 | Glenmorangie A | 765 | ... | 2.0 | 19.6 |
| 484 | 411 | Grand Met | 439 | +4½ | 4.3 | 18.6 |
| 493 | 435 | Guinness | 463 | +1 | 4.0 | 15.1 |
| 378 | 315 | Highland Dist | 373 | +2 | 2.7 | 17.4 |
| 195 | 150 | Macallan-Glen | 153 | ... | 1.2 | 31.4 |
| 803 | 655 | Matthew Clark | 683 | -1 | 4.4 | 32.5 |
| 141 | 93 | Merrydown Wt | 120 | ... | 4.7 | ... |
| 2812½ | 1706¼ | SA Breweries | 1762½ | ... | 2.0 | ... |

## BANKS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3518½ | 2749¾ | ABN-AMRO | 3453¾ | +81¼ | 4.0 | 11.8 |
| 663 | 528 | Abbey Nat | 594 | +12½ | 4.7 | 11.2 |
| 385 | 315 | Allied Irish | 350 | .. | 5.2 | 10.0 |
| 356 | 285 | Aus New Z | 318 | +1 | 5.8 | 7.8 |
| 5243¾ | 3843¾ | Bank America | 5125 | +37½ | | |
| 316 | 227½ | Bank Scotland | 290½ | +2½ | 3.7 | 9.7 |
| 827 | 688 | Barclays | 826 | +11 | 3.9 | 10.8 |
| 485 | 413 | Bk of Ireland† | 453 | +2 | 4.2 | ... |
| 492 | 379 | Cater Allen† | 420 | ... | 8.9 | 12.5 |
| 5606¼ | 4031¼ | Citicorp† | 5268¾ | +43¾ | | |
| 392 | 318 | Close Bros | 328 | -1 | 3.4 | 14.6 |
| £157¾ | £131½ | Commerzbk | £149 | +88¾ | 3.5 | ... |
| 1350 | 1082¾ | Dai Ichi Kan Y | 1100 | +18¾ | 0.5 | |
| 3412½ | 2950 | Deutsche Bk | 3243¾ | +40¾ | 2.4 | |
| 803½ | 583¾ | Espirito Santo | 768¾ | | 4.7 | 10.2 |
| 1507 | 1239 | Fuji Bank Y | 1257¼ | +10 | 0.4 | |
| 472 | 337 | Gerrard Nat | 338 | -1 | 8.5 | 10.7 |
| 252 | 196 | Hambros† | 227 | +2½ | 4.1 | ... |
| 1125 | 931 | HSBC | 1091 | +27½ | 3.7 | 11.6 |
| 1089 | 930 | HSBC HK | 1061½ | +24½ | 3.8 | 11.3 |
| 421 | 385 | Irish Perm | 403 | ... | 3.2 | 11.0 |
| 177 | 143 | King Shaxson† | 155 | .. | 7.3 | 13.5 |
| 455 | 415 | Leopold J | 418 | ... | 6.0 | 14.6 |
| 349½ | 294¼ | Lloyds TSB | 349 | +3 | 4.4 | 14.6 |
| 640 | 566 | Nat Aust Bk | 590 | +8 | 7.3 | 7.6 |
| 711 | 605½ | Nat West | 645 | +20 | 5.2 | 9.1 |
| 56 | 50 | Rea Brothers | 50 | ... | 2.5 | 24.0 |
| 596 | 468 | Ryl Bk Scot | 481 | +12 | 4.4 | 10.6 |
| 1390 | 1185 | Schroders | 1275 | +5 | 1.6 | 17.7 |
| 1128 | 890 | Schroders N/V | 970 | +5 | 2.1 | 13.5 |
| 122 | 99¼ | Singer & Fried | 108 | +1 | 4.8 | 8.9 |
| 680 | 547 | Stand Chart | 668 | +12 | 2.1 | 14.6 |
| 105 | 85½ | Union | 95 | | 3.9 | |
| £174¾ | £131½ | Wells Fargo† | £149½ | +275 | 2.2 | ... |
| 329¼ | 264 | Westpac | 290¼ | -1¾ | 4.8 | ... |
| 360 | 268 | Wintrust | 354 | .. | 4.5 | ... |

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## OTHER FINANCIAL

## PHARMACEUTICALS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3500¾ | 1637 | Brit Biotech | 2135 | +62 | ... | ... |
| 715 | 340 | Cantab Pharms | 653 | ... | ... | ... |
| 693 | 473½ | Celltech | 508 | ... | ... | ... |
| 588 | 224 | Chiroscience | 372 | +4 | ... | ... |
| 447 | 186 | Cortecs | 257 | +10 | ... | ... |
| 960 | 767 | Glaxo Wellcome | 865 | +½ | 4.3 | 12.6 |
| 286 | 208 | Medeva† | 246 | .. | 2.2 | 13.9 |
| 248 | 198 | Peptide Thera | 205 | ... | ... | .. |
| 808 | 624 | Scotia | 718 | ... | ... | . |
| 268 | 183 | Shire Pharms | 237 | +2 | ... | ... |
| 98 | 60 | SkyePharma | 75 | +3 | ... | ... |
| 727½ | 628½ | SmithKline | 685½ | +13 | 2.6 | 24.9 |
| 525 | 472 | Therp Anti Inc | 472 | -5 | .. | .. |
| 693 | 476 | Vanguard | 478 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1474 | 1218 | Zeneca | 1418 | +27 | 2.7 | 22.9 |

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### SHORTS (under 5 years)

| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gross red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 2% 1996 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0.91 | 5.40 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Conv 10% 1996 | [illegible] | .. | 9.88 | 5.78 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 7% 1997 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 6.92 | 5.88 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 13¼% 1997 | [illegible] | ... | 12.80 | 5.76 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 10½% 1997 | [illegible] | ... | 10.23 | 5.78 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8¾% 1997 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.50 | 5.77 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 15% 1997 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 13.56 | 5.87 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 9¾% 1998 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.29 | 5.94 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 7¼% 1998 | [illegible] | ... | 7.14 | 6.10 |
| 101 | [illegible] | Treas 6¾% 1995-98 | [illegible] | ... | 6.74 | 6.21 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 14% 1998-01 | [illegible] | .. | 12.40 | 6.30 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 15½% 1998 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 13.13 | 6.39 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 12% 1998 | [illegible] | ... | 10.78 | 6.58 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 9½% 1999 | [illegible] | ... | 8.94 | 6.65 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 12¼% 1999 | [illegible] | ... | 10.82 | 6.73 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 10½% 1999 | [illegible] | ... | 9.50 | 6.78 |
| [illegible] | 98 | Treas 6% 1999 | [illegible] | ... | 6.13 | 6.78 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Conv 10¼% 1999 | [illegible] | ... | 9.35 | 6.93 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Conv 9% 2000 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.48 | 7.01 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8% 2000 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 7.76 | 7.12 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 13% 2000 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 10.84 | 7.13 |
| 114 | [illegible] | Treas 10% 2001 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.04 | 7.22 |

### MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gross red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 7% 2001 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 7.09 | 7.29 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 9¾% 2002 | 111 | [illegible] | 8.78 | 7.47 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8% 2003 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 7.81 | 7.53 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 10% 2003 | 113 | [illegible] | 8.85 | 7.59 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 11½% 2001-04 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.92 | 7.37 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Fund 3½% 1999-04 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 4.31 | 6.57 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Conv 9½% 2004 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.59 | 7.73 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 6¾% 2004 | 94 | [illegible] | 7.18 | 7.73 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8½% 2005 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.12 | 7.79 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Conv 9½% 2005 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.59 | 7.79 |
| 131½ | [illegible] | Treas 12½% 2003-05 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.90 | 7.72 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 7½% 2006 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 7.80 | 7.85 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 7¾% 2006 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 7.83 | 7.90 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8% 2002-06 | 101 | [illegible] | 7.92 | 7.85 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 11¾% 2003-07 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.74 | 7.85 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8½% 2007 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.16 | 7.91 |
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| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 6¼% 2010 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 7.39 | 8.08 |
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| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gross red yld |
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| [illegible] | [illegible] | War Ln 3½% | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.21 | ... |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 2½% | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.35 | ... |
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| 1996 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | 10% | 5% |
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| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 4⅝% 1998 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1.01 | 2.57 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2001 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 2.85 | 3.49 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2003 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.22 | 3.63 |
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| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 2% 2006 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.40 | 3.68 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2009 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.49 | 3.72 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2011 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.54 | 3.75 |
| 143 | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2013 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.58 | 3.77 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2016 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.62 | 3.80 |
| 146 | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2020 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.67 | 3.82 |
| 122 | [illegible] | Treas IL 2½% 2024 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.66 | 3.80 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas IL 4⅛% 2030 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 3.65 | 3.80 |

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## Law Report August 2 1996 Court of Appeal

# Lender must prove particular loss for negligently given information

**Bristol and West Building Society v Mothew (trading as Stapley & Co)**

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment July 24]

Where a lender sued the solicitor who acted for both the borrower and the lender for negligently having given incorrect information, the lender did not have to prove that it would not have made the mortgage if it had known the true facts; but it was required to establish what it had lost as a result of the existence of a second charge.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal brought by the defendant solicitor, Anthony Paul Mothew, against the decision of Mr Justice Chadwick on July 27, 1995 affirming for different reasons the decision of a district judge giving summary judgment to the plaintiff, Bristol and West Building Society for £59,000 less the sums received by the building society on the sale of the property in question. The case was remitted for assessment of damage.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr Glenn Campbell for the defendant; Mr Nicholas Patten, QC and Mr Timothy Higginson for the building society.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the appeal raised important questions of principle in relation to a claim by a lender to recover from the solicitor who was acting for both the borrower and the lender the loss arising from the borrower's subsequent default.

The collapse in the property market which accompanied the recession at the beginning of the present decade caused mortgage lenders to suffer serious losses. Unable to recover their advances from the borrowers or by the enforcement of their security they sought to recover them from the valuers or solicitors on whose valuations or advice they had relied.

The defendant solicitor acted for Mr and Mrs Towers in the purchase of a property in Romford for £73,000 in August 1988. In accordance with the usual practice he also acted for the building society to which the purchasers had applied for an advance of £59,000 in order to finance the purchase.

The purchasers also arranged to transfer a small part of the mortgage on their existing property with Barclays Bank to be transferred to the new property by way of a second charge. The defendant was informed of the arrangements and gave an undertaking to hold the title deeds pending registration.

Unfortunately he either failed to appreciate that, although they related to old borrowing, they were a matter which he was required to report to the building society, or he had forgotten or overlooked them when he made his report.

The purchasers defaulted after making only small repayments and the building society enforced its security. The property was sold in February 1991 and realised net proceeds a little under £53,000. The building society claimed to recover the whole of its net loss on the transaction from the defendant, alleging breach of contract, negligence and breach of trust. The first two were admitted but the third denied.

It was the defendant's case that the building society would not have been concerned by the purchasers' proposal to grant a second charge to the bank if that had been disclosed to it in August 1988; that it would still have proceeded with the transaction; and that it would have suffered precisely the same loss in that event.

It was common ground in the court below that no damages would be recoverable at common law for breach of contract or tort unless the building society could show that it would not have proceeded with the transaction if it had been informed of the facts.

The building society, however, submitted that the position was different in equity. It alleged that the defendant had committed a breach of trust or fiduciary duty, and submitted that common law principles of causation and remoteness of damage had no application in such a case so that it was not necessary for the building society to show that it would not have proceeded with the transaction if it had been informed of the facts.

The district judge accepted those arguments and that was affirmed by the judge.

In the Court of Appeal when the case was first argued the critical question appeared to be whether the defendant was guilty of a breach of trust or fiduciary duty and if so whether the building society needed to prove that it would not still have proceeded with the transaction if it had been told of the facts.

However, after the case had been reserved, the building society informed their Lordships that it wished to resile from its concession. Relying on the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Downs v Chappell* ([1996] 3 All ER 344) the building society submitted that it was entitled to recover the whole of its net loss on the transaction by way of damages for negligence at common law without having to establish that it would not have proceeded with the transaction if it had been informed of the facts.

If correct, it submitted, that would be determinative of the case, and it would not be necessary for the building society to rely on any breach of trust or fiduciary duty.

**Claims at common law**

The essential question was whether the building society was entitled to judgment for the sum claimed, and not merely for damages to be assessed, in respect of its common law claims. If so, then the building society did not need to establish that the defendant was guilty of a breach of trust or fiduciary duty.

That question depended upon an alleged difference between the tests of causation and remoteness of damage at common law and in equity. In a case of the present kind, however, two different questions of causation were involved and it was necessary to distinguish between them.

Where a plaintiff claimed that he had suffered loss by entering into a transaction as a result of negligent advice or information provided by the defendant, the first question was whether the plaintiff could establish that the defendant's negligence caused him to enter into the transaction.

If he could not, his claim failed. But even if he could, it was not sufficient for him to establish that the transaction caused him loss. He still had to show what, if any, part of his loss was attributable to the defendant's negligence.

That was usually treated as a question of the measure of damages rather than causation, and for convenience his Lordship would so treat it, but it had to be acknowledged that it involved questions of causation.

In *Downs v Chappell* the relevant question was simply whether the plaintiffs had entered into the contract in reliance upon the figures contained in an accountants' letter.

The judge had answered that question in the affirmative: the plaintiffs would not have entered into the contract if they had not been provided with the letter. The causal relationship between the accountants' negligence and the plaintiffs' purchase was established.

In the present case the building society's claim was not for misrepresentation.

Accordingly, questions of inducement and materiality were not relevant. Its claim lay in negligence, and the relevant concept was reliance. In considering the issue of causation in an action for negligence brought by a client against his solicitor it appeared from *Downs v Chappell* that it was necessary to distinguish between two different kinds of cases.

Where a client sued his solicitor for having negligently failed to give him proper advice, he had to show what advice should have been given and on a balance of probabilities that if such advice had been given he would not have entered into the relevant transaction or would not have entered into it on the terms that he did.

Where, however, a client sued his solicitor for having negligently given him incorrect advice or for having negligently given him incorrect information, the position appeared to be different.

In such a case it was sufficient for the plaintiff to prove that he relied on the advice or information, that is, that he would not have acted as he did if he had not been given such advice or information.

It was not necessary for him to prove that he would not have acted as he did if he had been given the proper advice or the correct information. That was the position in *Downs v Chappell*.

In the present case the building society made complaints of both kinds. In his Lordship's judgment, they were bound by *Downs v Chappell* to hold that the necessary causal link between the defendant's negligence and the mortgage advance was proved.

Damages remained to be assessed. The building society would not have to prove that it would not have made the mortgage advance if it had known the true facts; but it would be required to establish what it had lost as a result of the existence of the second charge and the purchasers' indebtedness to the bank. It could maintain the money judgment which it had obtained below only if it could invoke equitable principles.

**Claims in equity**

The judge found that, in the events which happened, the defendant committed a breach of trust by applying the mortgage advance in the purchase of the property; that he was accordingly liable to restore the trust property, namely, the £59,000 with interest less receipts; that no question of damages at common law or of compensation for loss arose; and that it was irrelevant whether, had it been told of the position, the building society might still have chosen to make the advance notwithstanding the arrangements which had been made with the bank.

It was not alleged that the defendant deliberately concealed the arrangements which the purchasers had made with their bank from the building society or that he consciously intended to mislead it. Nothing in the present judgment was intended to apply to such a case.

His Lordship's observations were confined to the case like the present where the provision of incorrect information by a solicitor to his client mst be taken to have been done due to an oversight.

Before their Lordships, the defendant submitted that, while he was guilty of negligence and breach of contract, he was not guilty of a breach of trust or of fiduciary duty. It was convenient to take first the question of fiduciary duty, and then to consider the question of breach of trust.

**Breach of fiduciary duty**

If the defendant had been acting for the building society alone, his admitted negligence would not have exposed him to a charge of breach of fiduciary duty. Counsel for the building society accepted as much, but insisted that the fact that he also acted for the purchasers made all the difference.

His Lordship found that that argument ran into difficulties. The defendant was never in breach of the conflict rule. It was not alleged that he acted in bad faith or that he deliberately withheld information because he wrongly believed that his duty to the purchasers required him to do so.

Thus the judge's finding that the defendant was in breach of fiduciary duty could not be supported. It followed that it could not be sustained as a ground for holding the defendant to breach of a constructive trust of the mortgage money.

**Breach of trust**

In the Court of Appeal the building society put forward the argument that the defendant's instructions expressly required him to report the arrangements in question "to the society prior to completion". It was submitted that it made a condition of the defendant's authority to complete that he had complied with his obligation. Therefore he had no authority to complete.

His Lordship did not accept that. The defendant's authority to apply the mortgage money in the completion of the purchase was not conditional on his having first complied with his contractual obligations to the building society, was not vitiated by the misrepresentations for which he was responsible but of which he was unaware, and was effective to prevent his payment being a breach of trust.

The appeal would therefore be allowed and the money judgments set aside. The judgments for damages to be assessed for breach of contract and negligence would remain undisturbed, but it did not follow that the building society would establish any recoverable loss.

Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Staughton delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave, Bristol; Osborne Clark, Bristol.

# Dominant motive relevant factor

**Regina v Governor of Belmarsh Prison and Another, Ex parte Dunlayici**

Before Lord Justice Henry and Mrs Justice Ebsworth

[Judgment July 4]

In determining whether or not extradition offences charged were of a political character so as to preclude extradition under section 6(1)(a) of the Extradition Act 1989, regard was to be had to the motives behind the offences and where those were mixed the dominant motive should be the determinant factor.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an application by Mr Faysal Dunlayici for a writ of habeas corpus directed to the Governor of Belmarsh Prison to bring up and quash a committal order made by Mr R. D. Bartle, Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, sitting at Bow Street, dated July 25, 1995 pending the signing of an extradition order requested by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Mark Muller for the applicant; Mr James Lewis for the respondents.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant, a prominent Kurd who had been granted political asylum in Germany, had been detained while on a visit to England in October 1994 and served with a notice of intended deportation.

The German Government requested his extradition on the basis that, as a leading member of a militant Turkish Kurd movement, he had organised a series of attacks on Turkish property in Germany.

The court accepted that the attacks had a threefold motive: to carry on the war with Turkey by attacks on Turkish institutions; to draw attention to the Kurdish cause; and to force the German government to change its policy of support for Turkey.

Rejecting the argument that it was sufficient to show that a genuine and significant purpose of the offence was to change the policy of the requesting state, his Lordship said that it was clear from *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Cheng* ([1973] AC 931) that to establish a political nature the only purpose in committing the offence had to be directed against the requesting state.

Lord Mustill's analysis of that doctrine of incidence in *T v Secretary of State for the Home Department* (*The Times* May 23, 1996; [1996] 2 WLR 766), contemplating a mixed motive situation, concluded that the dominant motive determined the political nature of the offence.

Here the court was satisfied that the dominant motive behind the attacks was directed against the Turkish government and not the requesting German government so that they were not political offences within section 6(1)(a) of the 1989 Act.

Nor, in requesting extradition, was there evidence that the German government was acting in bad faith or that the applicant would be prejudiced by reason of his political opinions from having a fair trial. Accordingly the application would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Winstanley-Burgess, Islington; Director of Public Prosecutions.

# Green rights not lost

**Regina v Suffolk County Council, Ex parte Speed and Another**

A failure to register a town green as common land under section 1(2)(a) of the Commons Registration Act 1965 did not have the effect of extinguishing the customary rights over the land. Such land could subsequently still be proved by evidence to be a green although it was not deemed to be a green under the Act as appropriately registered land was.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Schiemann) so held on July 11 when dismissing, on other grounds, an appeal by David and Colin Steel against a decision of Mr Justice Carnwath in which he dismissed an application to quash a refusal by Suffolk County Council to register land known as the People's Park, Sudbury as a town green.

# Publican's domestic rent not deductible

**McLaren v Mumford (Inspector of Taxes)**

Before Mr Justice Rimer

[Judgment July 19]

Expenditure by a publican on rent for living accommodation that he was required to occupy as a term of his tenancy agreement with the brewery was not deductible in computing his profits chargeable to tax.

By virtue of section 74 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 the expenditure was not allowable as a deduction as it was not made wholly and exclusively for the purposes of the publican's trade.

Mr Justice Rimer so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Alexander W. McLaren, from a determination by Hackney general commissioners upholding assessments to Schedule D income tax in respect of his profits for his trade as a publican for the years from 1992 to 1994.

Mr Robert Grierson for the taxpayer; Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE RIMER said that in 1991 the taxpayer had signed a tenancy agreement with a brewery by which he became tenant of the Duke of Marlborough public house in Hackney, London.

The only conscious motive in his mind when he signed the agreement was to provide himself with a trade to earn his living. The agreement required him to reside at the premises at all times.

The premises comprised the parts used for the purposes of the public house and separate accommodation for the taxpayer's personal and private use. The taxpayer owned a house in Broadstairs that he would visit to collect mail and see that it was in order.

The commissioners concluded that although the only conscious motive in the taxpayer's mind when he signed the agreement was to provide himself with a trade, nevertheless the purpose of the expenditure was also to provide him with personal residential accommodation.

They therefore concluded that the expenditure on rent had a dual purpose and held that it was not wholly and exclusively laid out or expended for the purposes of the taxpayer's trade as a publican and hence was not wholly allowable as a deduction in computing his Case I profits. They directed an adjustment to be made to reflect a disallowance of one-sixth of the expenditure.

The taxpayer's argument was that as the tenancy agreement made his occupation of the premises compulsory, to disallow even one-sixth of his expenditure was unfair. He should, he said, have been allowed the whole of it.

He placed heavy reliance on the central finding by the commissioners that the only conscious motive in his mind when he entered into the agreement was to provide himself with a trade to earn his living.

Thus, he argued, he was not seeking any collateral benefit for himself. He already had his own house and had to use the residential accommodation in the premises because the tenancy agreement obliged him to do so.

Mr Grierson submitted that the question raised by the appeal had been conclusively decided in the taxpayer's favour by the House of Lords in *Russell v Town and County Bank Ltd* ((1888) 13 App Cas 418).

Mr Brennan, relying on *Mason v Tyson* ([1980] STC 284) and *Mallalieu v Drummond* ([1983] 2 AC 861), submitted that the expenditure served a dual purpose, both private and business.

The private element of the taxpayer's expenditure, he said, was not incurred for the purpose of earning the receipts of his business, but served the non-business purpose of satisfying his ordinary human needs. It was thereby disqualified from being deducted, and that was so regardless of the taxpayer's motive when he signed the agreement or the fact that the tenancy agreement obliged him to occupy the premises.

The decision in *Russell* was of no assistance in the context of the appeal: the issue with which that case was concerned was of an entirely different nature. Mr Brennan's submissions were to be accepted.

Solicitors: A. J. Bolton & Co; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

## Correction

In *R v Burstow* (*The Times* July 30) leading counsel for the appellant was Mr Peter Feinberg, QC.

## European Law Report Luxembourg

# Economic considerations irrelevant when designating wild bird protection areas

**Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; the Port of Sheerness Ltd, intervener**

Case C-44/95

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. Puissochet, G. Hirsch, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, J. L. Murray, P. Jann and M. Wathelet

Advocate General N. Fennelly

(Opinion March 21)

[Judgment July 11]

The Secretary of State for the Environment was not entitled to take account of economic requirements when designating a special protection area for wild birds and defining its boundaries.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held when giving a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty on questions referred by the House of Lords, by order of February 9, 1995, on the interpretation of provisions of Council Directive 79/409/EEC of April 2, 1979 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ 1979 L103 p1).

The Medway Estuary and Marshes, an area of wetland of international importance, were used by wildfowl and wader species as a breeding and wintering area and a staging post during spring and autumn migration, and supported breeding populations of the avocet and the little tern, which were listed in annex I to the birds directive.

Lappel Bank, an area of intertidal mudflat adjoining the Port of Sheerness and falling geographically within the bounds of the Medway Estuary and Marshes, shared several of the important ornithological qualities of the area as a whole and was an important component of the overall estuarine ecosystem.

The Port of Sheerness, the fifth largest port in the United Kingdom for cargo and freight handling, was a flourishing commercial undertaking and a significant employer in an area with a serious unemployment problem. The port planned extended facilities for car storage and other purposes in order better to compete with continental ports offering similar facilities.

Lappel Bank was the only area into which the port could realistically envisage expanding.

In 1993 the secretary of state decided to designate the Medway Estuary and Marshes as a special protection area, but to exclude Lappel Bank from that area on the ground that the contribution that expansion by the port into the area of Lappel Bank would make to the local and national economy outweighed its nature conservation value.

In the course of proceedings in which it was sought to quash that decision on the ground that, by virtue of the birds directive, the secretary of state was not entitled to have regard to economic considerations when classifying a special protection area, the House of Lords referred three questions to the Court of Justice.

Article 1 of the birds directive provides: "This directive relates to the conservation of all species of naturally occurring birds in the wild state in the European territory of the member states..."

Article 2 provides: "Member states shall take the requisite measures to maintain the population of the species referred to in article 1 at a level which corresponds in particular to ecological, scientific and cultural requirements, while taking account of economic and recreational requirements..."

Article 3 provides: "(1) In the light of the requirements referred to in article 1, member states shall take the requisite measures to preserve, maintain or re-establish a sufficient diversity and area of habitats for all the species of birds referred to in article 1.

"(2) The preservation ... of ... habitats shall include primarily the following measures: (a) creation of protected areas..."

Article 4 provides: "(1) The species mentioned in annex I shall be the subject of special conservation measures concerning their habitat in order to ensure their survival and reproduction in their area of distribution. In this connection, account shall be taken of [various criteria] ... Member states shall classify in particular the most suitable territories ... as special protection areas...

"(2) Member states shall take similar measures for regularly occurring migratory species not listed in annex I ... To this end, member states shall pay particular attention to the protection of ... wetlands of international importance...

"(4) In respect of the protection areas referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, member states shall take appropriate steps to avoid pollution or deterioration of habitats..."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

1 The first question was whether a member state was authorised to take account of the economic requirements mentioned in article 2 of the birds directive when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries.

In Case C-355/90 *Commission v Spain* ("*Santoña Marshes*") ([1993] ECR I-4221) the court pointed out that article 3 of the directive imposed obligations of a general character, namely, to ensure a sufficient diversity and area of habitats for all the birds referred to in the directive, while article 4 contained specific obligations with regard to the species of birds listed in annex I and the migratory species not listed in that annex.

According to the United Kingdom Government and the Port of Sheerness Ltd, article 4 could not be considered in isolation from article 3.

They argued that article 4 provided, in relation to certain species of particular interest, for the specific application of the general obligation imposed by article 3, and that since the latter provision allowed account to be taken of economic requirements, the same should apply to article 4(1) and (2).

That argument could not be upheld.

Article 4 laid down a protection regime which was specifically targeted and reinforced both for the species listed in annex I and for migratory species, an approach justified by the fact that they were, respectively, the most endangered species and the species constituting a common heritage of the Community.

While article 3 provided for account to be taken of the requirements mentioned in article 2 for the implementation of general conservation measures, including the creation of protection areas, article 4 made no such reference for the implementation of special conservation measures, in particular the creation of special protection areas.

Consequently, having regard to the aim of special protection pursued by article 4 and the fact that, according to settled case law, article 2 did not constitute an autonomous derogation from the general system of protection established by the directive, it must be held (see *Santoña Marshes*, paragraphs 17 and 18) that the ecological requirements laid down by the former provision did not have to be balanced against the interests listed in the latter, in particular economic requirements.

It was the criteria laid down in article 4(1) and (2) which were to guide the member states in designating and defining the boundaries of special protection areas, and it was clear from *Santoña Marshes*, paragraphs 26 and 27, that those criteria were ornithological ones.

2 The second question was whether article 4(1) or (2) allowed a member state, when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries, to take account of economic requirements as constituting a general interest superior to that represented by the ecological objective of the directive.

In Case C-57/89 *Commission v Germany* ("*Leybucht Dykes*") ([1991] ECR I-883, paragraphs 21 and 22), the Court held that the member states could, in the context of article 4(4), reduce the extent of a special protection area only on exceptional grounds, being grounds corresponding to a general interest superior to the general interest represented by the ecological objective of the directive.

It was held that economic requirements could not be invoked in that context.

It was also clear from *Santoña Marshes*, paragrah 19, that, in the context of article 4 considered as a whole, economic requirements could not on any view correspond to a general interest superior to that represented by the ecological objective of the directive.

3 The third question was whether article 4(1) or (2) meant that a member state could, when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries, take account of economic requirements to the extent that they reflected imperative reasons of overriding public interest of the kind referred to in article 6(4) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC of May 21, 1992 on the conservation of the natural habitats of wild fauna and flora (OJ 1992 L206 p7).

The habitats directive was to be implemented in the United Kingdom by June 1994.

Article 7 of that directive provided that the obligations under article 6(2) (3) and (4) of it were to replace any obligations arising under the first sentence of article 4(4) of the birds directive in respect of areas classified pursuant to article 4(1) or similarly recognised under article 4(2) of that directive.

Article 6 of the habitats directive provided: "(2) Member states shall take appropriate steps to avoid, in the special areas of conservation, the deterioration of natural habitats...

"(3) Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect thereon ... shall be subject to appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives...

"(4) If, in spite of a negative assessment of the implications for the site and in the absence of alternative solutions, a plan or project must nevertheless be carried out for imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature, the member state shall take ... compensatory measures..."

It was important to bear in mind that article 7 of the habitats directive provided in particular that the obligations arising under article 6(4) were to apply as from the date of implementation of the habitats directive or the date of classification or recognition by a member state under the birds directive, whichever was the later.

Article 6(4) of the habitats directive, as inserted in the birds directive, had, following *Leybucht Dykes* where the point in issue was the reduction of an area already classified, widened the range of grounds justifying encroachment on special protection areas by expressly including therein reasons of a social or economic nature.

Thus, the imperative reasons of overriding public interest which could, pursuant to article 6(4) of the habitats directive, justify a plan or project which would significantly affect a special protection area in any event included grounds relating to a superior general interest of the kind identified in *Leybucht Dykes*, and could, where appropriate, include grounds of a social or economic nature.

However, although article 6(3) and (4) of the habitats directive enabled member states, for imperative reasons of overriding public interest and subject to certain conditions, to adopt a plan or project adversely affecting a special protection area and so go back on a decision classifying such an area by reducing its extent, it did not make any amendments regarding the initial stage of classification of an area as a special protection area referred to in article 4(1) and (2) of the birds directive.

It followed that, even under the habitats directive, the classification of sites as special protection areas must in all circumstances be carried out in accordance with the criteria permitted under article 4(1) and (2) of the birds directive.

Economic requirements, as an imperative reason of overriding public interest allowing a derogation from the obligation to classify a site according to its ecological value, could not enter into consideration at that stage.

But that did not mean that they could not be taken into account at a later stage under the procedure provided for by article 6(3) and (4) of the habitats directive.

On those grounds, the Court of Justice ruled:

1 Article 4(1) or (2) of Directive 79/409 was to be interpreted as meaning that a member state was not authorised to take account of the economic requirements mentioned in article 2 thereof when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries.

2 Article 4(1) or (2) of Directive 79/409 was to be interpreted as meaning that a member state could not, when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries, take account of economic requirements as constituting a general interest superior to that represented by the ecological objective of that directive.

3 Article 4(1) or (2) of Directive 79/409 was to be interpreted as meaning that a member state could not, when designating a special protection area and defining its boundaries, take account of economic requirements which could constitute imperative reasons of overriding public interest of the kind referred to in article 6(4) of Directive 92/43.

# Concessionary fares breached equality directive

**Atkins v Wrekin District Council and Another**

Case C-228/94

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, D. A. O. Edward, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, P. Jann, H. Ragnemalm and L. Sevon

Advocate General M. B. Elmer

(Opinion April 30)

[Judgment July 11]

A local authority scheme granting concessionary fares on public transport to, among others, men over the age of 65 and women over 60, did not fall within the scope of the Community directive on equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Queen's Bench Division, by order of May 23, 1994.

Section 93 of the Transport Act 1985 empowered local authorities to provide travel concession schemes entitling certain classes of persons to travel free of charge or at reduced fares on public passenger transport services.

Section 93(7), which specified classes of eligible persons, included, in paragraph (a), men over 65 and women over 60, those ages corresponding to the statutory retirement ages for the purposes of entitlement to old age and retirement pensions, and an order made under section 93(7)(f) defined additional classes.

It was for local authorities to define, among those classes, the persons to whom their scheme applied.

The scheme implemented by Wrekin District Council applied to disabled persons and to men over 65 and women over 60.

The plaintiff, Stanley Charles Atkins, aged 63, was refused concessions under the council's scheme, and brought proceedings against the council and the Department of Transport in which he claimed that he had been discriminated against on the ground of his sex.

The court referred the question, inter alia, whether the council's scheme came within the scope of article 3 of Council Directive 79/7/EEC of December 19, 1978 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security (OJ 1979 L6 p24).

Article 3 provides: "(1) This directive shall apply to: (a) statutory schemes which provide protection against the following risks: sickness, invalidity, old age, accidents at work and occupational diseases, unemployment; (b) social assistance, in so far as it is intended to supplement or replace the schemes referred to in (a)."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The Court had already held, particularly in Case C-137/94 *R v Secretary of State for Health, Ex parte Richardson* (*The Times* October 27, 1995; [1996] ICR 471; [1995] ECR I-3407, paragraph 8) that, in order to fall within the scope of the directive, a benefit must constitute the whole or part of a statutory scheme providing protection against one of the specified risks, or a form of social assistance having the same objective.

The Court had also stated that, although the way in which a benefit was granted was not decisive for the purposes of the directive, the benefit must, in order to fall within its scope, be directly and effectively linked to the protection provided against one of the risks specified in article 3(1): see *Richardson* paragraph 9.

A benefit such as that in issue did not meet those conditions.

It was true that, being provided for in a statutory provision, it formed part of a statutory scheme, albeit it was granted only pursuant to measures adopted by local authorities.

It was pointed out that local authorities were under no duty to implement concessionary fare schemes and that they retained discretion as to the persons entitled to the concessions and the details of the scheme but that did not make it any less a statutory scheme within article 3(1).

Similarly, the fact that the scheme was not formally part of national social security rules and was not the responsibility of the Department of Social Security could not exclude it from the scope of the directive.

However, a benefit such as that provided for in section 93(7) of the 1985 Act did not afford direct and effective protection against one of the risks listed in article 3(1) of Directive 79/7.

The purpose of such a benefit was to facilitate access to public transport for certain classes of persons who, for various reasons, were recognised as having a particular need for public transport and who were, for the same reasons, less well off financially and materially.

Old age and invalidity, which were among the risks listed in article 3(1)(a), were only two of the criteria which could be applied to define the classes of beneficiaries of such a scheme of concessionary public transport fares.

The fact that the recipient of a benefit was, as a matter of fact, in one of the situations envisaged by article 3(1) did not suffice to bring that benefit as such within the scope of the directive: see Joined Cases C-63/91 and C-64/91 *Jackson v Chief Adjudication Officer* (*The Times* October 22, 1992; [1993] QB 367; [1992] ECR I-4737, paragraphs 18 and 19).

The fact that the council's scheme benefited only classes of persons who were in fact in such situations could not affect that conclusion.

Were importance attached to that, some local schemes would come within the scope of Directive 79/7 and others would not, despite all having been set up under the same statutory authorisation, depending on whether or not the persons eligible under the schemes consisted exclusively of persons in one of the situations listed in article 3(1).

Since a scheme such as that in question did not fall within the scope of the directive by virtue of article 3(1)(a), it likewise could not fall within its scope by virtue of article 3(1)(b), by reason of the terms of that provision.

On those and other grounds the Court of Justice ruled:

On a proper interpretation of article 3(1) of Directive 79/7, a scheme such as that provided for in section 93(7) of the Transport Act 1985 and implemented and operated by Wrekin District Council, under which concessionary fares on public passenger transport services were granted to certain classes of persons, including certain elderly persons, did not fall within the scope of the directive.

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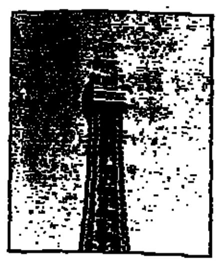

■ SNAPSHOT

**The final day of our series on top tourist attractions finds that Blackpool Tower sure isn't what it used to be**

■ THEATRE

**Surprising clash of cultures: a Romanian troupe brings *Murder in the Cathedral* to London**

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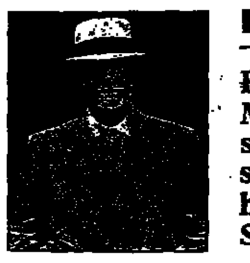
**John Pickard's impressive new work *The Flight of Icarus*, has its first London performance**



■ JAZZ

**Piano man Mose Allison shows why he is still the world's hippest 'Certified Senior Citizen'**

**Michael Henderson** takes a daytrip to the 'Versailles of working-class England': Blackpool Tower

# Strand that time forgot

You reach it through a small aquarium which stocks a few unremarkable species of fish, and leave it by a noisy entertainment parlour where bored stallholders may try to sell you a fluffy bear. But nobody goes there to buy an ursine toy, or to gawp at something with fins. In their thousands they come to Blackpool still, and most of them go up the Tower.

To be absolutely precise, they visit something called Tower World, which is how "Britain's greatest seaside attraction" presents itself. That is Blackpool all over, talking itself up like a boastful schoolboy, but it happens to be a fact. The tower, for 102 years the tolerant guardian of a naughty town, is one of Britain's top ten tourist attractions.

Take a rather rickety lift, scramble up to the viewing gallery, and the Irish Sea is under one nostril, the Winter Gardens under the other. According to the tower's brochure, this experience is the highlight of any Blackpool holiday, and the claim may not be far off. At least up there the holidaymaker is 518ft 9in above the dowdy streets.

It is an unlovely town. The fairest minds must concede that. But the fairest minds do not go there, favouring instead Umbria and the Dordogne, where towers look different. Mucky old Blackpool can only parade what Philip Larkin, lamenting the passing of common civic values, called "a cast of crooks and tarts". It must be the only town in the world where pubs employ bouncers on their doors at lunchtime.

If every kingdom needs a palace, then the tower is the Versailles of working-class England, a Sans-Souci of proletarian tat. So why do people keep coming? They do not come as they used to, in the 1930s and 1940s, when Frank Randle was the king of the piers and the ties of industrial urban life were more binding. But the fact that they come at all is a social phenomenon.

A stroll along the Golden Mile, where stars of *Coronation Street* hang from every lamppost, reveals a vista of unremitting grimness. This is where people come to drink in the Merrie England bar, and croon along in Nellie Dean's.

SUMMER SNAPSHOTS

They can bop the night away in the "world famous" Palace nightclub (in Manhattan, apparently, they talk of little else) or feast in one of the seafront nosheries where you get not only chips with your Fleetwood haddock but also "garnish", a real treat.

Blackpool is a simulacrum of an English life that no longer exists. Yates's Wine Lodge, near the north shore, used to be the only bar in England that served champagne from the tap. Now it is much like any other bar in this town, designed to cater for as many young people as possible.

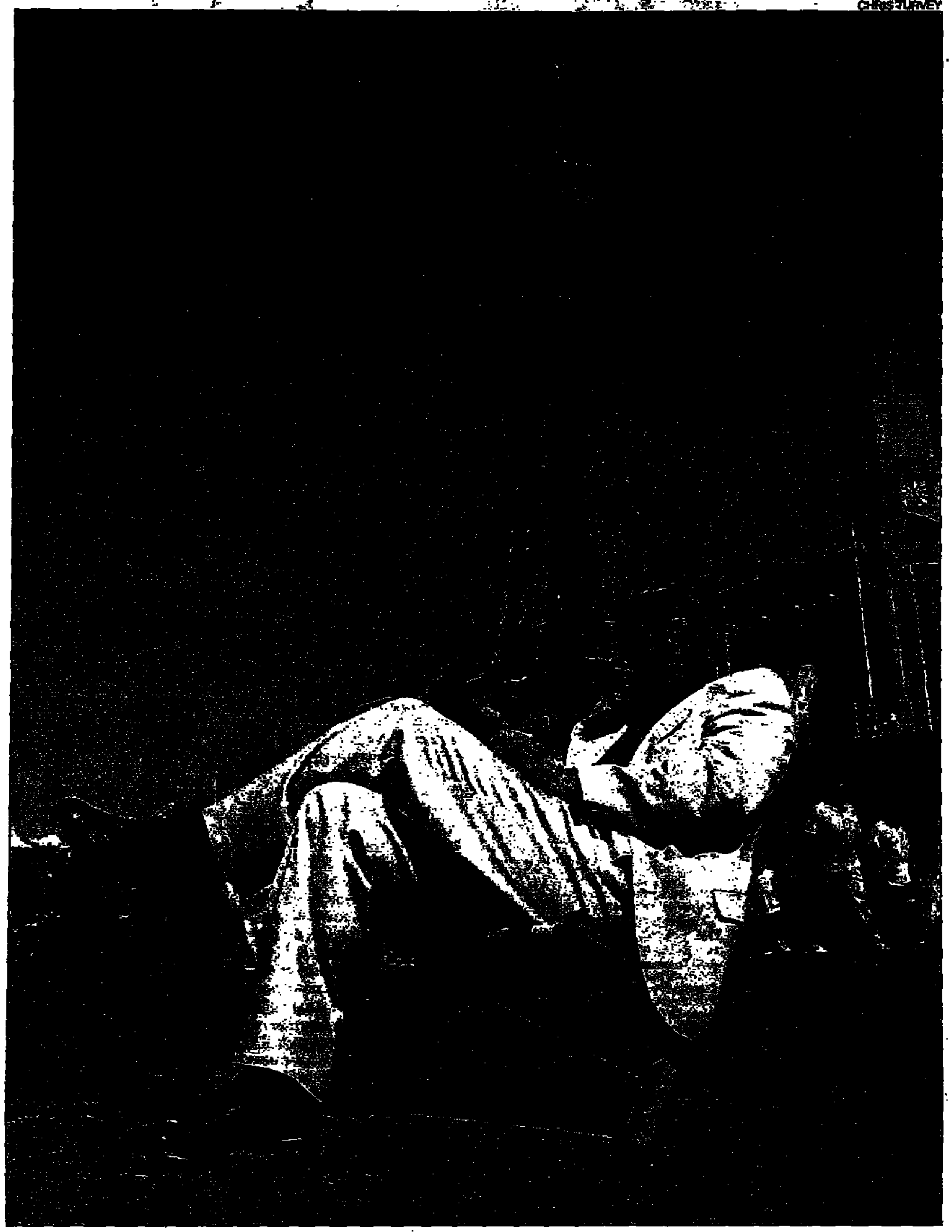
It was not always like this. When the tower was built in 1894, at a cost of £45,000, it was in response to M Eiffel's construction in Paris. To the fathers of northern towns, these buildings symbolised civic pride: witness the magnificent town halls of Rochdale and Bolton. A hundred years on, with unremittingly ugly shops and restaurants beneath it, the tower highlights civic indifference. Five miles down the road, Lytham St Anne's maintains its Edwardian grace.

Caught in this clash of styles, Blackpool has become increasingly surreal. Amid all the junk, you can spot two elderly couples on the floor of the Tower Ballroom, dancing gently to an organist piping the overture to *Die Fledermaus*. This little scene belongs to a more innocent world, when Reginald ("The Organist Entertains") Dixon would rise with the famous Wurlitzer for the benefit of hundreds of dancers on the same floor.

Peter Chelsom, the filmmaker, grew up in the town and caught something of this surrealism in his 1995 movie *Funny Bones*. The best moment showed an impresario auditioning dozens of bizarre turns. Such goings-on would not have been out of place in the films of another seasider, Fellini.

Blackpool has never aspired to class. It always been proud of its vulgarity. The problem is, its vulgarity is no longer funny. Where a great comedian such as Ken Dodd once filled theatres, there are now only third-raters. On the streets you do not find many people smiling. Like all places where "having fun" is compulsory, the atmosphere is joyless.

Appearing on the South Pier this summer is "Chubby" Brown; and the theatre advises people to stay away if they are easily offended. It is a better joke than any Brown could tell. Nobody who is easily offended is ever going to visit Blackpool, not even to scale that huge Edwardian vinegar pot.



CHRIS TURVEY

Wish I wasn't here: once-flourishing Blackpool is now "a simulacrum of an English life which no longer exists"

# Serving a slice of the blues

THE world's hippest Certified Senior Citizen, Mose Allison has been content to make his way as a cult artist for the best part of 40 years. His records, a unique melange of blues, disorienting piano chords and mordant satire, have never sold by the lorry-load. But discerning musicians have always sought him out.

Pete Townshend, Ray Davies and Bonnie Raitt have all declared their admiration for him. Next month, on September 23, Van Morrison will go a step further when he releases an entire album of Allison tunes, with the white-bearded composer making a guest appearance on a couple of tracks.

In the meantime Allison is settling into a residency at the newly renamed Pizza Express Jazz Club in Soho. With the new name comes a new look, the old smoky basement expanded to at least twice the size and given a tasteful facelift.

**Mose Allison**
Pizza Express

The surroundings may be glossier but Allison's performance, prefaced by another of his dissonant instrumental set-pieces, remained as uncompromising as ever.

Although there is always ample humour on display — in the sardonic twists of *I Don't Want Much* or the marital infidelities of John D. Loudermilk's *You Call It Joggin' (I Call It Runnin' Around)* — his sets are less a series of belly laughs than a dispassionate rummage around America's bars and suburbs.

Allison reminds me of a musical Raymond Carver, evoking the eccentricities of life in the slow lane through a handful of carefully sculpted phrases. His gruff, understated vocal style — closer to back-porch conversation than singing — enhances the storytelling mood.

With so much chatter emanating from the back of the room, some of the fine detail went astray: Allison's lyrics demand close attention. His two British partners — bassist Roy Babbington and percussionist Paul Clarvis — coped manfully with the idiosyncratic shuffle rhythms of the arrangements.

Clarvis had a particularly demanding role, since Allison frowns on the use of a backbeat and all the high-hat tics that make a drummer's life easier.

CLIVE DAVIS

# Unholy clash of symbols for a political martyr

THEATRE

**Murder in the Cathedral**
Almeida, N1

In recent years the Romanian theatre has celebrated its country's liberation from the Ceausescus by putting on *Richard III*, *Macbeth* and Jarry's satire on power run amok, *Ubu Roi*. But an Aeschylean tragedy by a high-Anglican poet about the power of a 12th-century martyrdom to redeem and refresh a derelict Church? That, weirdly, is what Art-Inter Odeon has brought from Bucharest to Islington. On the face of it, *Murder in the Cathedral* has as much resonance in Eastern Europe as *The Vicar of Dibley* would have in Tehran.

But wait. T. S. Eliot wrote the piece mid-way through the Decade of the Dictators, intending it as propaganda for the spirit at a time when plenty of shrill, combative voices were crusading for fascism, communism and other materialist causes. When one of Thomas à Becket's murderers asks us to applaud him for helping to achieve "a just subordination of the pretensions of the Church to the welfare of the State", Eliot may have had in mind Hitler's interference in ecclesiastical affairs in Germany. Certainly, he said that he wanted "to bring home to the audience the contemporary relevance of the situation".

Since I am about as fluent in Romanian as I am in Bulgarian, I cannot be wholly sure how Mihai Maniutiu and his company have responded to Eliot's injunction. But it is clear that they are less interested in the theological questions raised by martyrdom — can a man empty himself of human desire and resign himself wholly to the divine will? — than in its political implications. For them, Becket is to be revered because he resisted the pressures of the powerful and managed to maintain integrity to the end.

These Romanians do not give us all of Eliot, then, but they give us some of him; and in the refreshingly fierce, marvellously startling style we have come to expect of them. Eliot's chorus consists of "women of Canterbury" who have become dull, humdrum and spiritually lazy in the absence abroad of their archbishop. Here they are bundles of black rags and blue netting who look as if they are on the run from a massacre. And round the neck of their crop-haired, wild-eyed leader are chains, put there by a demonic figure in black who prowls the stage looking and sometimes acting rather like a gloating Jack the Ripper.

The virtual omnipresence of these two — the one seeking succour from Marcel Iures's Becket, the other luring him towards destruction — would have surprised Eliot. All the same, the play follows its usual course, though with obvious verbal cuts and visual twists. Becket's tempters mostly come in pairs, and look either like Persian dancers or Beirut bohemians superciliously fanning themselves with their berets. Pools of blood appear on the stage. The chorus dons eastern masks and plays exotic pipes, skiffles and drums. Before jerking awake and killing Becket, the leather-clad knights fall prone to the ground and are covered in sand by the chorus.

Why? Coming without my symbolism phrase-book, I missed some of the production's ramifications. But did that matter when there were moments that made the RSC's recent revival of the play seem dreadfully bland? Above all, there was Iures, his weather-beaten, knobbly face and rough-oatmeal gown creating a wonderfully unpretentious impression, his sobs and diffident tics bringing out something that English revivals usually overlook: the fear, the vulnerability and the human weakness of Becket the martyr. That the corpse of such a man should end up sending even Jack the Ripper scuttling for the exit says much about both recent Romanian history and, yes, the resilience of *Murder in the Cathedral* in the 1990s.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL

As the Romanians do: Art-Inter Odeon's Dorin Andone, Marcel Iures, Ionel Mihailescu

# Cleared for take-off into the sun

BBC PROMS

**BBC NOW/Wigglesworth**
Albert Hall/Radio 3

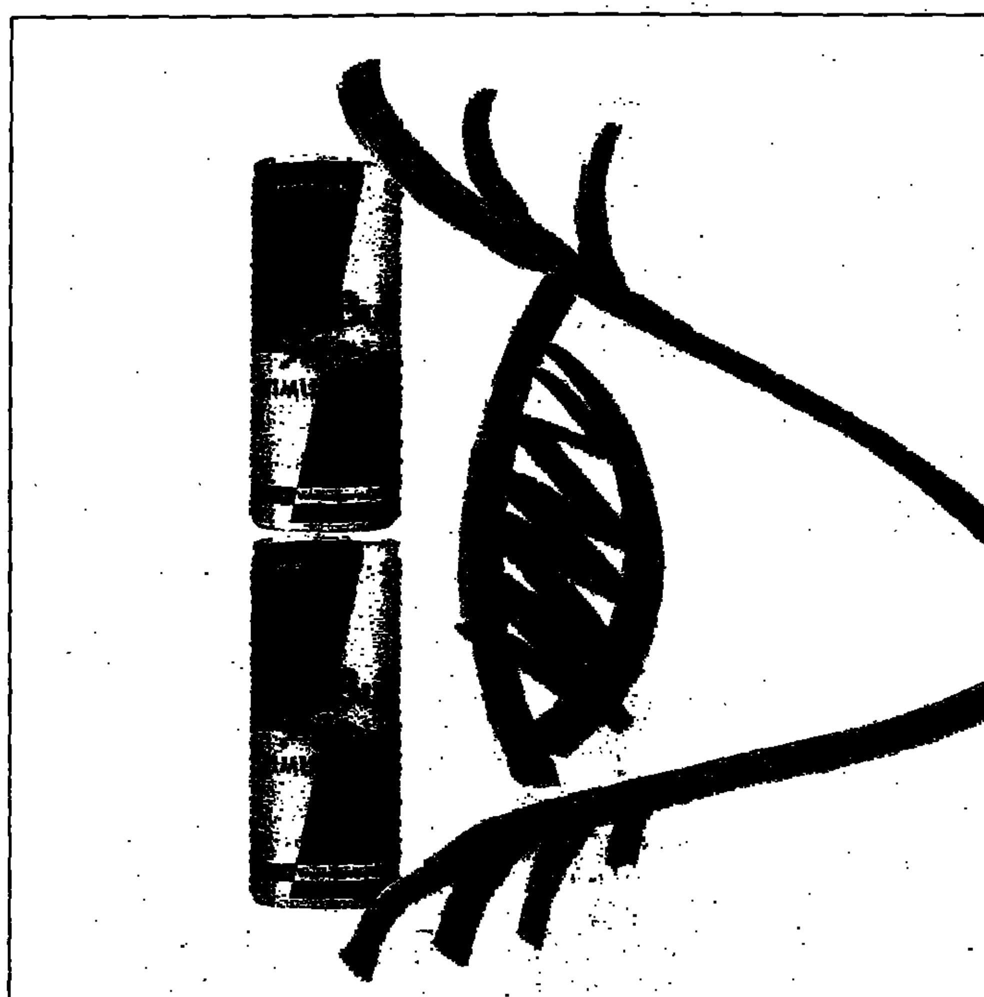
WIDELY regarded as one of BBC National Orchestra of Wales's most successful commissions, John Pickard's *The Flight of Icarus* received its first London performance at the Proms on Wednesday night, amply fulfilling its promise. It is in a single movement, and scored for a large orchestra which makes its presence felt from the opening bars. With strings and wind in whirlwind motion, and frenzied tuckets on three trumpets, the introductory section suggests, in the composer's words, the "ascent from the labyrinth" (ie, the aeronautical escape of Daedalus and his son Icarus from King Minos). This is not simplistic scene-painting, however, and if the middle section vividly evokes the exhilaration of flight, it also projects a sense of triumph over natural laws, of the high idealism of human endeavour.

Pride comes before a fall, though, and suddenly catastrophe looms out of a clear blue sky. Icarus falls hubristically to his death, and his father flies on into the setting sun — an image that Pickard recreates with his sonorously spaced brass and full-textured strings. Pickard's score remains airborne over its 20-minute span rather more proficiently than Icarus, leading the ear and imagination with impressive resourcefulness.

A high-risk strategy of another kind was adopted by Steven Isserlis in Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No 1. His wispy tone and minimal vibrato in the slow movement had an appropriately eerie quality, but it played havoc with conventional norms of intonation. His third-movement cadenza continued in musing mode, until the finale restored the vehemence of the opening movement.

A streak of Slavic melancholy lingered in Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2. This was a beautifully executed performance by the orchestra, playing more confidently than ever under its new music director, Mark Wigglesworth. I admired the control of his Rachmaninov, the rise and fall of tension, the refusal to indulge in sentimentality. But I could have done with more raw passion, perhaps even a touch of vulgarity. Still, this was a commendably thoughtful, and often affecting, attempt at a far from straightforward score.

BARRY MILLINGTON



CAUTION: DO NOT DRINK WHEN YOU WANT TO SLEEP

■ CHOICE 1

**Colin Davis conducts the European Union Youth Orchestra**

VENUE: Tomorrow at the Albert Hall

■ CHOICE 2

**The Barbican launches a season in praise of Hammer Horror**

VENUE: Today at the Barbican Cinema

# THE TIMES ARTS

■ POP 1

**Robbie Williams plays it safe with the release of his first single, the George Michael standard *Freedom***

■ POP 2

**The best that drum'n'bass has to offer, courtesy of the multi-artist album collection *Platinum Breakz***

## WEEKEND CHOICE

**A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey**

### LONDON

**BBC PROMS 96**: This evening, at 7pm, the leading Early Music director René Jacobs makes his Proms debut conducting the Choir of New College Oxford, the Choir of Winchester Cathedral and the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** in Bach's Suite No 3 and his *Magnificat*, plus excerpts from Handel's opera *Julius Caesar*. Later, at 10pm, the **Calcutta Drum Orchestra**, led by the tabla maestro Pandit Shankar Ghosh, performs the intricate rhythms of North Indian music. Then, at 7.30pm tomorrow, Sir Colin Davis conducts the **European Union Youth Orchestra** in Strauss's *Don Juan*, Elgar's *Enigma Variations* and Sibelius's Second Symphony. On Sunday, at 4pm, the **London Adventist Chorale** — winner of the 1995 Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition — performs a mixed programme of spirituals and sacred songs, including the world premiere of *Who Has Set Thy Glory* by Shelton E. Kilby III. In the final concert of the weekend, the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** returns to the Proms' pit at 7.30pm. Leonard Slatkin conducts a panoramic selection of pioneering 20th-century American music, including John Adams's Violin Concerto (soloist Ernst Kovacic), Copland's Organ Symphony (with Simon Preston), plus works by Ives and Ellington's *Harlem*.
**Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Today-Sunday

**HAMMER HORROR**: A celebration of Hammer Films, the most successful studio in the history of British cinema, begins today with the original 1958 *Dracula*, starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing (6.30pm) and a new 35mm print of director Terence Fisher's *The Curse of Frankenstein* (8.45pm). A variety of special offers includes 20 films for £30 or a "terror trio" for £12.
**Barbican Cinema**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-382 7000). Today-August 29

**TARAS COSSACKS**: The former Ballet Rambert dancer Paul Taras leads his ensemble in the London premiere of a superbly choreographed production, direct from the Harrogate International Festival. Authentic music, song and dance are interwoven with Cossack mystery, gypsy passion and comedy.
**Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.45pm.

### ELSEWHERE

**ALDEBURGH**: Yesterday's sell-out performance of Mozart's effervescent comic opera **The Marriage of Figaro** launched this year's Snape Proms. On Saturday (7.30pm), there will be a second, unmissable chance to see this semi-staged performance by Britten-Pears Opera. Jonathan Darlington conducts the Britten-Pears Chamber Choir and Orchestra.
**Snape Maltings Concert Hall**, Suffolk (01728 453 543)

**BELSAY**: The grounds of Belsay Hall provide the romantic setting for **Opera Box**'s lavishly costumed productions of Puccini's *Madam Butterfly* (tomorrow) and Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers* (Sunday). Part of the English Heritage open-air opera season, both performances are at 7pm and will be sung in English.
**Belsay Hall**, Belsay, *Northumberland* (01661 881 636 or Ticketmaster on 0171-413 1443/344 4444)

**FALMOUTH**: An exhibition by more than **35 Women Artists in Cornwall** (1880-1940), featuring in excess of 70 paintings, etchings, illustrated books and photographs.
**Falmouth Art Gallery**, Municipal Buildings, The Moor (01326 313 863). Opens tomorrow, 10am-1pm. Then Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-1pm. Until September 15

### LONDON GALLERIES

**Courtauld**: The Four Elements (0171-873 2526) **National Gallery**: Literati: Photographs by Mark Gerson (0171-747 2885) **Royal Academy**: Roger de Grey (0171-439 7438) . **Tate**: Leon Kossoff (0171-887 8000)

## THEATRE GUIDE

**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

◪ **BY JEEVES**: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: entirely revised.
**Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ♿

☐ **THE DECAMERON**: A selection from Boccaccio's treasure-house of erotic tales, some happy, some bloody, nicely acted by Nick Ward's young cast.
**Gate**, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm

☐ **THE FANTASTICKS**: Rare British sighting of the musical that has been running Off Broadway since 1960. A parable of true love, aided by the sinister El Gallo (Jonathan Morris). Dan Crawford directs.
**King's Head**, 115 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Now previewing, 2.30pm. Opens Aug 7, 2.30pm.

◪ **MARTIN GUERRE**: The latest Boublil and Schonberg musical, set to follow the success of *Les Mis* and *Miss Sai*. Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by Iain Glen and Juliette Caton.
**Prince Edward**, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE**: Jack Klugman, Tony Randall play the two divorced husbands, slob and fusspot, in a revival of Neil Simon's comedy.
**Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, and Sat, 5pm

■ **THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN**: Katie Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season, highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne, Lucy Whybrow.
**The Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). *Tonight and tomorrow*, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. In rep

☐ **THE TEMPEST**: Excellent Denis Quilley plays Prospero in Patrick Garland's production. Expect magic.
**Open Air**, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. In rep

☐ **TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT**: London premiere for James Edwin Parker's New York success: the dynamics of the one night stand, directed by Julian Woolford. Described as "wickedly biting".
**Arts**, Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Until September 7.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

## CINEMA GUIDE

**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

### NEW RELEASES

**BLOOD SIMPLE** (18): Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut feature. With John Getz and Frances McDormand.
**Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **FLIPPER** (PG): A surly teenager unbends with a dolphin. Unimaginative family film, with Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan. Director, Alan Shapiro.
**Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **Plaza** (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** (U): Mistreated James finds his feet in a peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent animated version of Roald Dahl's book. Director, Henry Selick.
**Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** (01426 915 574) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

**LA REGLE DU JEU** (PG): New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio and Nora Gregor.
**Riverside Studios** (0181-748 3354)

### CURRENT

◆ **RAINBOW** (PG): Perils of voyaging over the rainbow. Oddball fantasy with an ecological twist from director-star Bob Hoskins. With Jacob Tierney.
**Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TWISTER** (PG): Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton.
**ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888990) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888990) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

NEW RELEASES: **David Sinclair** takes that; plus the latest albums

# Robbie on a free ride

Blind faith: Robbie Williams avoids some awkward questions by plumping for George Michael's *Freedom*

## SINGLE

**ROBBIE WILLIAMS**
*Freedom*
(Chrysalis/EMI FREE 1)

The debut single by Robbie Williams is a bit of a tease. His charisma is proved beyond doubt and we already knew he could carry a tune thanks to his leading role on Take That hits such as *Everything Changes* and *Could It Be Magic*. But can he write? And if so, what has he got to say for himself?

The canny choice of the old George Michael song *Freedom* enables Williams neatly to sidestep such thorny issues for the moment, while giving him a lyric tailor-made to his circumstances. "Heaven knows I was such a young boy I didn't know what I wanted to be/I was every little hungry schoolgirl's pride and joy, and I guess that was enough for me."

Now, of course, he has his freedom, which enables him to import fashionable elements of Black Grape and the not-so-fashionable Primal Scream into a stylish gospel-dancefloor arrangement that sounds markedly different to Take That, but otherwise not especially distinctive.

Tactically, *Freedom* is a sound opening shot, but musically it is a holding operation. The real test is yet to come.

# Beat goes on and on

## ALBUMS

**METALHEADZ**
*Platinum Breakz*
(ffrr/London 828 783)

ANYONE wondering why there is no drum'n'bass or hardcore jungle album on the Mercury Music Prize shortlist need look no further than *Platinum Breakz* for the answer. Organised and partly produced by the guru of drum'n'bass, Goldie, *Platinum Breakz* is a multi-artist collection which offers a selection of the best sounds being produced by the cream of this underground phenomenon, including such top-rated names as Photek, Alex Reece, Dilinja and Doc Scott.

Like Goldie's own, much fêted album *Timeless*, it is a time-consuming experience (more than two hours) that combines many fascinating sounds and groundbreaking rhythmic techniques with interminable stretches of slack, some of it verging on the unlistenable.

The numbers all last between six and nine minutes, and nearly every one kicks off with an unidentified female voice ad-libbing over a vacuously atmospheric intro. This gradually evolves into a minimalist rhythm track that proceeds like a runaway train, but sometimes, as in *Your Sound* by J Majik, comprises little more than an extended drum (machine) solo.

As a soundtrack for the various activities surrounding modern urban club culture, it doubtless takes some beating. But as an album to sit and listen to, it is a non-starter.

**JOHN MARTYN**
*And.*
(Go! Discs 828 798)

AFTER 28 years, John Martyn finds himself working a patch of upmarket turf adjacent to those ploughed for much greater profit by the likes of Phil Collins and Sting.

The unhurried pace of the songs, the lugubrious upright-bass playing of John Giblin and Alan Thompson, and Jerry Underwood's nimble bursts of soprano saxophone, make *And.* a work of carefully measured sophistication. But the album is nudged away from the middle of the road by Martyn's careworn voice.

An adult rock album, certainly, but one with more emotional roughage than the norm.

**WEEN**
*12 Golden Country Greats*
(Flying Nun Records/RTM FN386)

WEEN, the determinedly oddball duo from Pennsylvania, have turned to Nashville for inspiration on their *12 Golden Country Greats*. But although it is superficially an easy genre to subvert, country music has a way of rolling with the punches, and it is difficult to say who comes out of this strange encounter on top.

The "brothers" Gene and Dean Ween have recruited a stellar line-up of old-school session musicians, so, although the songs are all new numbers written by Ween, the sound of the album is pretty authentic.

But if the tunes and Ben Vaughn's production pass muster, the lyrics are another matter. "For the last six months I've been packing your bag/You can wash my balls with a warm, wet rag," the boys sing in close, twangy harmony on the current single, *Piss Up A Rope*. And even the relatively innocuous tale of a much-loved dog, *Fluffy*, is betrayed by the heavily overwrought delivery.

As a pastiche it is almost faultless and not without humorous appeal. But it is difficult to divine the point of mounting such an earnest and elaborate wind-up.

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# Will you still need me when I'm 38?

Several people would catch the sharp end of Andy McCluskey's tongue if he ever got to meet them. One of them is himself as a sulky but successful youth.

As the curator of OMD, originally Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark, McCluskey is pondering the hit-laden history of the band which has completely filled the past 18 years of his life. And the memory of the lanky, earnest young man who started gyrating on national television in 1980 is not comfortable.

"I was such a self-righteous little git when I was 20, I could slap myself around," he says. He would tell his younger self: "Loosen up Andy, enjoy it. This is the first time you're on *Top of the Pops*, the first time you're in the Top Ten."

*And why did he behave so* seriously back then? "We were so determined to be free of pop cliché and keep our feet on the ground that we were really boring," he explains. "We didn't allow ourselves to enjoy it half as much as I wish we had."

Millions of record sales later, McCluskey continues to trade under the OMD banner despite the departure in 1989 of his professional partner, Paul Humphreys. And now he is preparing for the release of an impressive new album called *Universal*.

The sound, with its trademark wistful synthesizers, is *instantly* recognisable as OMD. But the album also has a remarkable vibrancy for the product of an artist in his late thirties.

"I feel as strongly about this record as I used to feel about records I made 15 years ago," says McCluskey. "I'm ready to fight for this. If anybody tells me it isn't good or my video isn't great, I'm ready to punch their lights out."

Such a pugnacious approach should not be misinterpreted. Much of McCluskey's conversation, and some of the lyrical content of his album, is imbued with the mood of self-assessment of a 37-year-old asking himself whether it is quite proper still to be making pop records.

> ❛ We didn't let ourselves enjoy it as much as I wish we had ❜

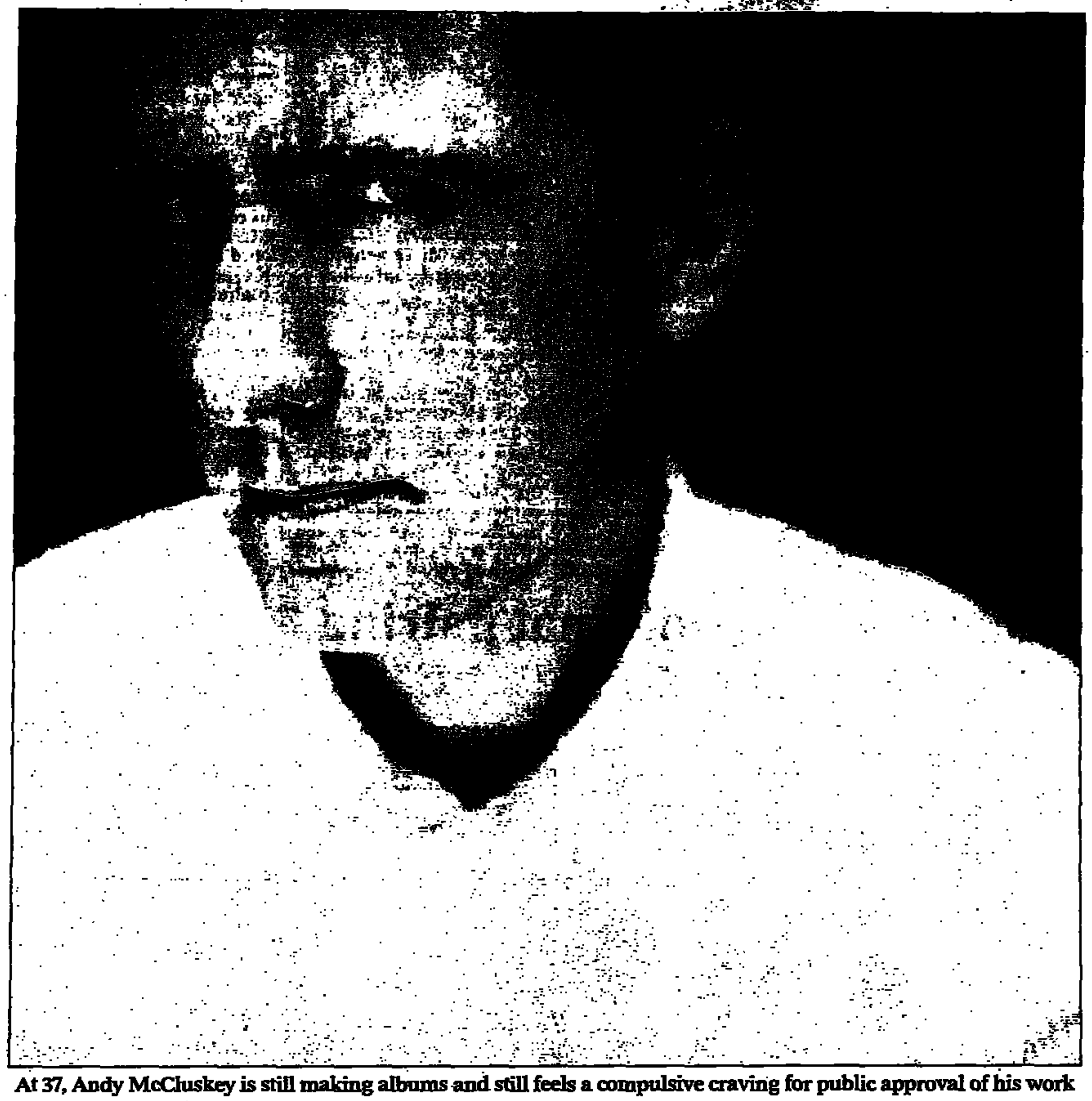
"I have a memory of myself in my late teens as a typical angry young man with lots of naive energy and determination, hating almost everything, in love with electronic music and the energy of punk," he says. "I wanted everybody who was over 25 to clear out of the way and let the *new music through*. Now I think 'God, I'm 37'. There's an element of 'I don't want to keep *making records* if people don't want them'."

McCluskey still lives in the Wirral, the Liverpool suburb where he was born, and gives every impression of leading a well-adjusted life free from the ego malfunctions associated with ageing rock stars. He meets you himself, makes the tea himself. But he is under no illusions about the motivation to succeed that drives him.

"All this nonsense about 'it's my art, I just do it for myself' . . . if that's the case, fine, play your acoustic in your bedroom for your dog or your girlfriend. Nobody releases records without having some *deep, searing, dysfunctional* ego problem that they need satisfying," he says. "It gets worse *when you've had a hit.* Then you need more because you're a sad, insecure person *who needs external* gratification.

"It's not the money. That's *nice but* it's not the main reason. It's exposing your emotional self — if people don't like that, you wish you hadn't done it. So if people don't want to buy my records, I don't want to do it. That makes sense, doesn't it?"

After the departure of Humphreys, a copious helping of external gratification came McCluskey's way with OMD's 1991 album *Sugar Tax*, which turned into the most successful record of his career, selling some two million copies around the world and producing the huge hits *Sailing on the Seven Seas* and *Pandora's Box*. After that, 1993's *Liberator* was a comparative underachiever.



At 37, Andy McCluskey is still making albums and still feels a compulsive craving for public approval of his work

"*Liberator* sold nearly half a million copies worldwide but I didn't have a hit single," says McCluskey. "Having had those since my first album, I can't abide not having hit singles."

It is highly unlikely that he will have to suffer such an indignity with *Walking on the Milky Way*, which comes out next week as the trailer for *Universal*. It is as instantly endearing a pop single as you could wish for. "It's about growing up," says McCluskey. "I think everybody at some time in their life says 'oh, this is where I am. How did I get here? Where is my beautiful house . . .?' " He laughs at the borrowed Talking Heads lyric. "It's stocktaking of me and my life."

Pondering his own musical survival, McCluskey can espy at least one positive thing about an industry that measures out fame by the quarter hour. "The way OMD sounded in 1981 was certainly different to almost everything else in the chart," he says. "You can argue that because it was a new sound, that was what attracted people. Maybe that was part of it. But disregarding the novelty factor, they were actually good songs — you can still listen to them.

"Then it's all down to the quality of your songwriting, because you've got no new style to sell, no new face to entice people. And I firmly believe that I can still write a belting tune."

# Swing shift

**DAVID SANCHEZ**
*Street Scenes*
(Columbia 485137 2)

SAXOPHONIST David Sanchez's solo work skilfully blends Latin rhythms with fierce-swinging jazz and *Street Scenes* lives up to its name by operating confidently in both genres. Thus an almost Dexter Gordon-like swagger will be succeeded by a burst of R&B-type "dirty" tenor over popping Latin percussion, and a wafting soprano ballad by a gritty alto/tenor duet with guest Kenny Garrett.

The graceful acumen which enables Sanchez and his classily exuberant pianist, Danilo Perez, to move easily between their two main influences is epitomised by a second duet with Garrett, *The Elements*, in which a perfect blend is achieved between hard-driving swing and infectious Latin pep. Sanchez's album is that rare animal: a Latin-jazz amalgam which will be equally acceptable to aficionados in each camp.

**SCOTT HAMILTON**
*My Romance*
(Concord CCD-4710)

ON THIS Concord album, the American tenor man Scott Hamilton teams up with the impishly adventurous pianist, Norman Simmons, bassist Dennis Irwin and drummer Chuck Riggs, but the album's defining sound results from the blend of the front-line instruments: Hamilton has brought in the cultured Joel Helleny on trombone to share solo duties.

The material is mainly customary Hamilton fare — standards, the odd original blues, medium-tempo lopes through familiar chord sequences — but a couple of tracks are subjected to intriguing arrangements which suggest that the smooth-toned tenor man is seeking to vary his winning formula a little.

CHRIS PARKER

# When God comes to the gig

## If a big outdoor show really takes off, life is never the same again

The summer is good for growing things. Fruit, trees, insects, late-night-drinking beer-guts — all that nature business. But summer's Growing Speciality is audiences. Whereas in the cold and driven spring we all huddled in 2,000 capacity cocoons, numbers weakened by colds, flu, and the horrific idea of leaving the house during night-time hours when *Police! Camera! Action!* is on, the summer brings with it a surge of growth hormones so powerful that we burst from the empty shells of the Forum, the Apollo and the Civic Hall, and make our way, 50,000 strong, into the Great Outdoors for big summer music.

Paul Weller, Oasis and Pulp are all staking out acres of *Merrie England* this month, liberally scattering it with bars, letting lesser bands play during the *sunstroke hours*, and finally striding onstage when the sun has fallen far enough for *those follow-spots* to light the lead singer holy.

And the best of times are truly the *Best Of Times* — when an outdoor gig comes together, when the band are so on *top* of things that all the audience wants to do is get on top of each other, there is nothing to beat it.

Combined with the smell of camp-fires, the taste of cider with moths in it, and bumping into the boy who, at school, was voted Most Likely To Succeed At Everything running a face-painting stall near the toilets, life can seem perfect. But sadly, these occasions are all too rare.

CAITLIN MORAN

Think of it from the bands' point of view — they have usually been touring for a solid year. Yesterday was a headline slot at a festival in Sweden. Tomorrow is a headline slot in Dublin. They have played the songs so often that they have become conversations and we know the punchline. However God-struck and inspired a band are when they conceive a song, they can never hope to recreate that visceral urge at every gig.

So most gigs are a live jukebox — professional renditions of hits, misses and favoured album tracks, big flashing lights and the opportunity for the audience to sing itself hoarse and burn its fingers to a crisp on shoddy lighters during the ballads.

However, every audience secretly hankers for passion so intense it becomes destructive — stage-wrecking, stage-diving, fire, riot, flood — this is why we go to gigs. Every ticket purchased is a wish that this will be the gig where the band implode, because rock mythology only has time for the most driven of moments.

When bands do implode — Nirvana at Reading in 1993, Kurt Cobain in a blood-stained smock, entering in a wheelchair and leaving after smashing up amps, guitars and drums to hysterical feedback; Manic Street Preachers' last British gig before Richey Edwards disappeared, wrecking £7,000's worth of gear and leaving the stage with nose-bleeds caused by the sheer noise they had made — then the audience is truly happy.

Our squeals and screams are part of the soundtrack to something our children will speak of with envy. In some way — with audience voodoo power — we made it happen.

Of course, if the band do not feel like injecting each other with cyanide and dying on stage while the PA plays *The Marseillaise*, all is not lost. Even if a band have already played 100 gigs that year, that still breaks down as: 50 enjoyable, professional concerts; 25 appalling hangover dirges; and 25 hello-mother-my-life-has-changed occasions.

When Pulp played Glastonbury in 1995, no auto-destruct was needed — had Jarvis ripped the set list in half at the end, it would have seemed a bit extreme. They simply played with passion, wit, love, hunger and grace.

Similarly, when Oasis played Maine Road a few months back, nothing really happened. Noel and Liam did not fight; Liam and the audience did not fight; even the expected ruck between the half of the audience who were in Fred Perry shirts versus the other half in Stussy shirts did not happen. Oasis were, simply, the most fantastic two hours happening anywhere in the world that night. And that is all that this month's big gigs really need.

● *Oasis's Loch Lomond and Knebworth dates are sold out. Pulp play Chelmsford on August 17 (sold out) and Victoria Park, Warrington on August 18 (tickets still available). Paul Weller plays Highland Park, Chelmsford on August 18 (tickets available)*

**TOP TEN ALBUMS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jagged Little Pill | Alanis Morissette (Maverick) |
| 2 | Moseley Shoals | Ocean Colour Scene (MCA) |
| 3 | The Smurfs Go Pop! | Smurfs (EMI TV) |
| 4 | Recurring Dream | Crowded House (Capitol) |
| 5 | Falling Into You | Celine Dion (Epic) |
| 6 | (What's The Story) Morning Glory? | Oasis (Creation) |
| 7 | The Score | Fugees (Columbia) |
| 8 | Wildest Dreams | Tina Turner (Parlophone) |
| 9 | 18 Til I Die | Bryan Adams (A&M) |
| 10 | Older | George Michael (Virgin) |

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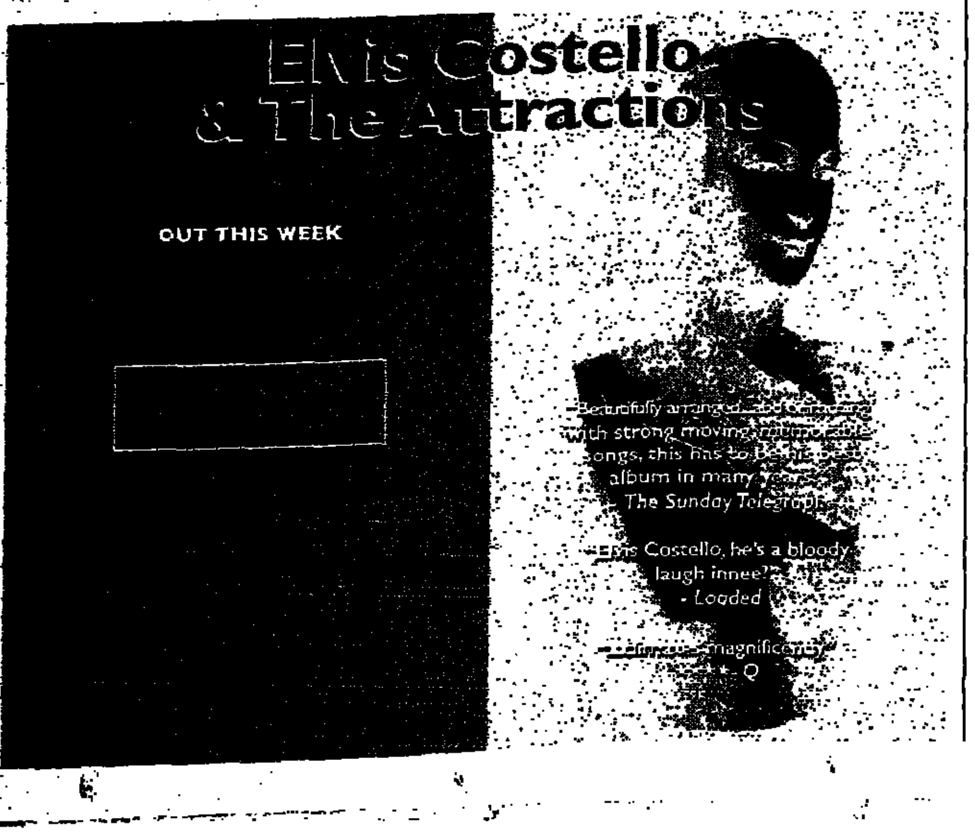

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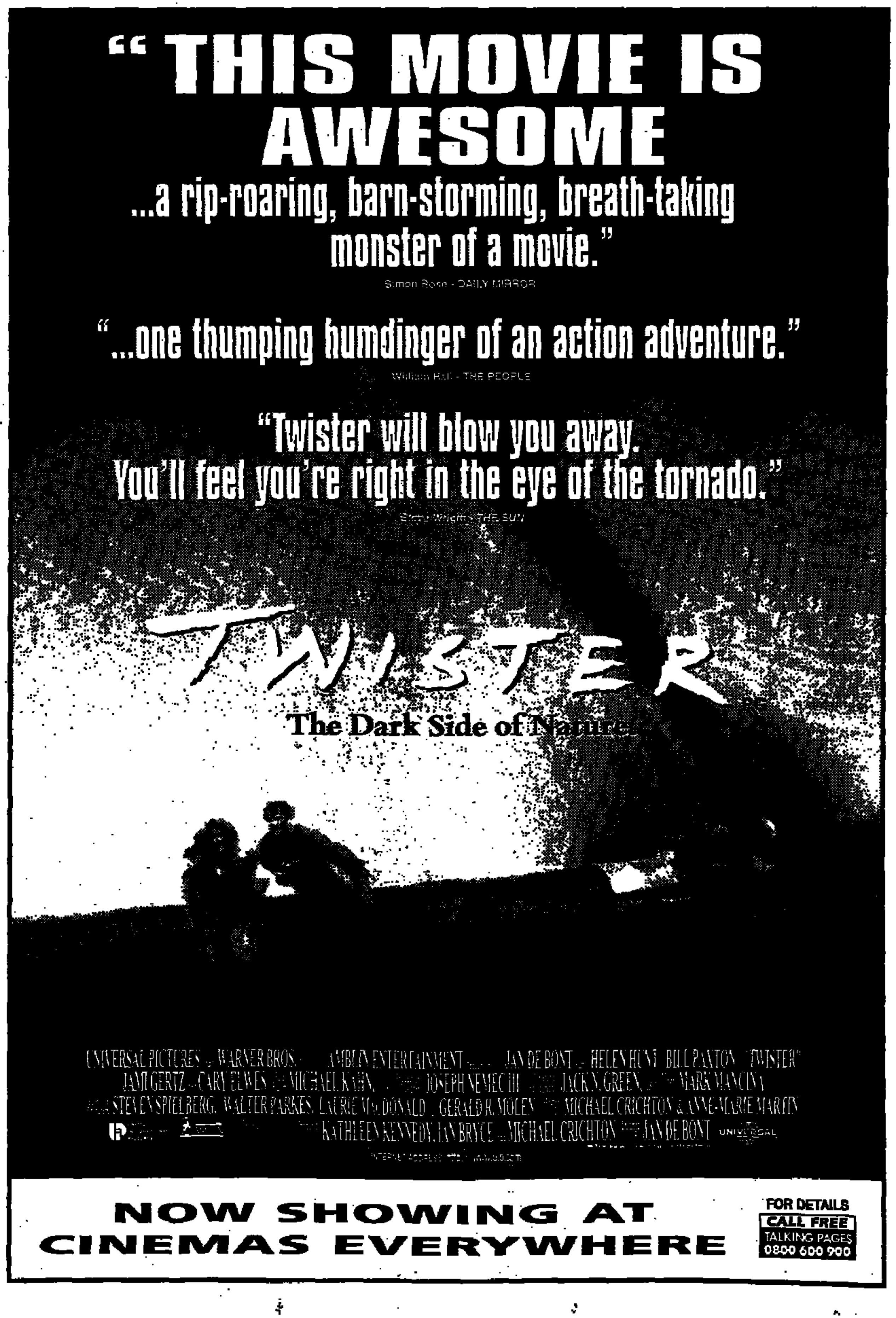

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# Three-colour trick causes cards chaos

FROM MEL WEBB IN GOTHENBURG

Montgomerie was happy with his 69, three behind the leading pair, on a day of scoreboard confusion

FOR a while there was more then a small element of farce surrounding the first round of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters yesterday. It was a slapstick effort that turned part of the day into a sort of *Carry On Up The Scoreboard* — and it depended on the colour yellow, or red, or blue, or any combination of the three.

The hues in question were those adorning the bibs worn by the caddies, and with the scoring system set up to recognise players' scores by the colour of the bibs, what later became a great lark all stemmed from wrongly-coloured bibs being given out to many of the caddies.

Add the fact that a good number of the volunteer scorers on the Forsgårdens course plainly had not the faintest idea what some of the players looked like, and the potential for a comic disaster became more obvious. There were mistakes in 25 of the first 26 three-balls on the scoreboards. Confusion reigned.

Among several howling errors was that Colin Montgomerie, tall, fair and well-built, was mistaken for David Feherty, shorter, dark and wiry, with the result that they were given each other's scores. It would have suited Feherty very well — he had a 75, Montgomerie a 69 — but the fact that Montgomerie's caddie was wearing Feherty's man's blue bib meant nothing in the recorder's cabin.

Montgomerie, it goes without saying, knew exactly what he had scored and, in accordance with the new precepts of his professional life, which could be summed up in the phrase "more work equals more birdies equals more smiles", was happy enough with his three-under-par round, which left him two shots behind Santiago Luna and Thomas Bjorn, the joint leaders.

"If I put in everything I can into my practice, it will get rid of any disappointments and frustrations I might feel," he said. "If I do that, I'll be quite happy with myself, no matter what I score. It's important to have self-belief — after all, I realise I am good at this game." Such modesty — but there is no denying that he is right.

John Daly was in trouble again. He returned a 69, then had a two-stroke penalty imposed on him for brushing away a tiny pile of sand in front of his ball on the fringe of the 9th green; he did not know that the only place that would have been permitted was on the green itself.

# Father and son eye chance of final pairing

MANY moons ago, when Ian Richardson was a talented young professional, he sought the help of John Jacobs, for the unusual reason that he was desperate to lose length (Patricia Davies writes). Even now, at the age of 50, long reinstated as an amateur, he has power to spare and has yet to use a wood in five rounds of the English Amateur Championship at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell.

Richardson, from Burghley Park, in Lincolnshire, putted well yesterday, too, and was six under par in overcoming Gary Wolstenholme, the Mid-Amateur champion. He also proved too good for Lew Watcham, of Bedfordshire.

However, there is yet another Richardson progressing through the other half of the draw: Carl, Ian's 19-year old son, defeated Robert Chattaway and Matthew Cryer, to keep alive hopes of a final that would be a first in the history of the championship.

But before father can meet son over 36 holes tomorrow, there are still two matches to be won by each of them. The immediate hurdles are John Pounder, of Yeovil, for Richardson senior and Justin Rose, the 16-year-old boy-wonder, from Hampshire, for Richardson junior.

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Gibbs ready to make curtain call

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

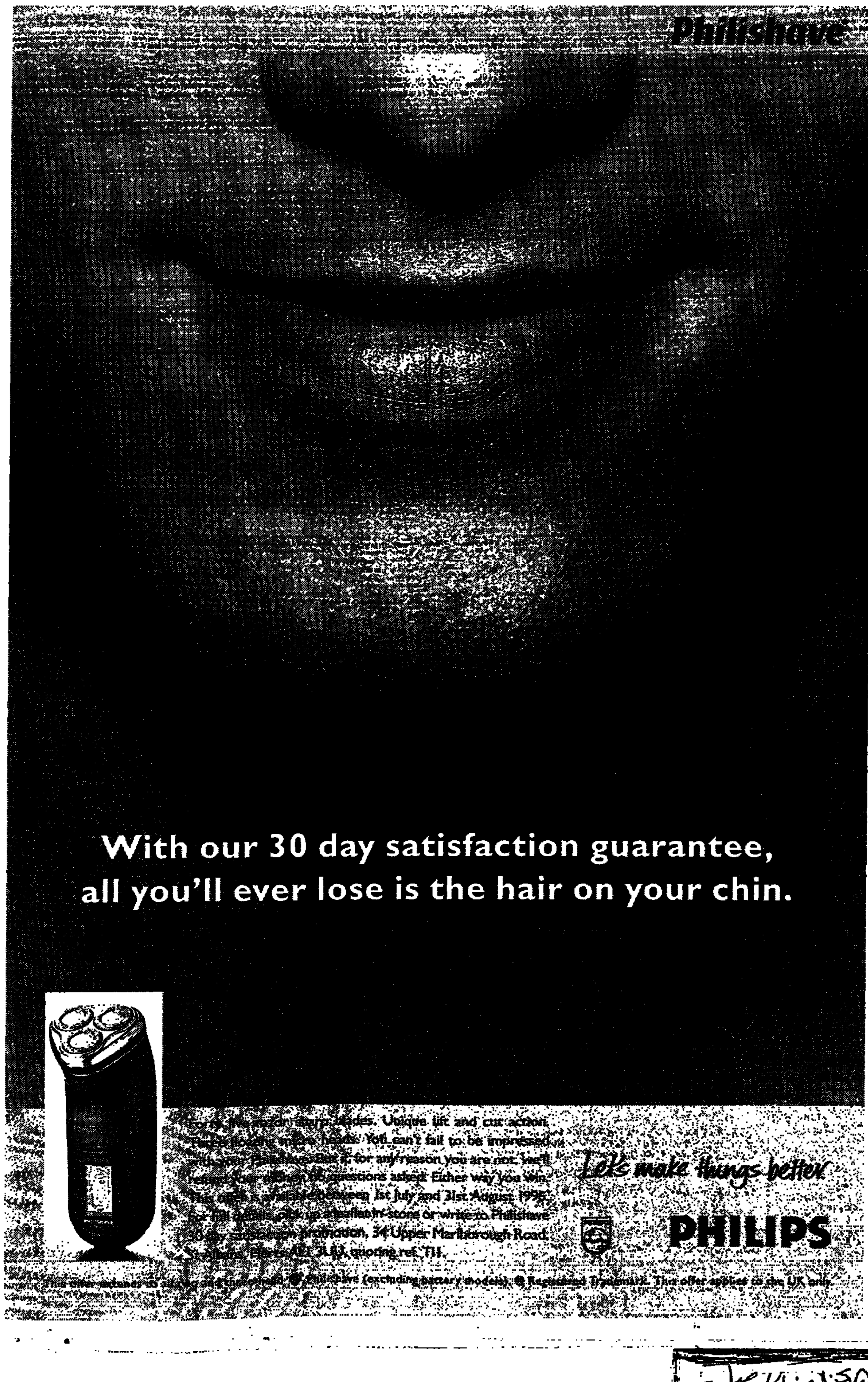
THERE was an example last Saturday of Scott Gibbs at his best in rugby league. At short range, the London Broncos' defence had more chance of catching a runaway truck. It was a treasured try and a fitting farewell if Gibbs had opted to bow out then.

The postscript is tonight at Castleford. Gibbs, officially, is a Swansea rugby union player again, two years after his departure from St Helen's for its rugby league namesake on Merseyside. St Helens managed to persuade him, despite his new £200,000 four-year contract with Swansea, to turn out one more time.

Gibbs is a reassuring presence tonight in a back line missing Alan Hunte and possibly Paul Newlove, should the Great Britain centre not recover from a painful toe injury. Gibbs's contribution will be recognised by a winner's medal in the post, provided St Helens maintain their narrow lead of the Stones Super League.

"I wouldn't be going unless I thought St Helens could win the Super League," Gibbs, who leaves on good terms, said.

Bradford Bulls' search for a successor to Brian Smith as coach has ended on their doorstep. Matthew Elliot, Smith's popular Australian assistant, will be confirmed today as coach for next season. Smith leaves for Parramatta after the play-offs next month.



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6.00 Umberston. 6.30 Taufan Boy. 7.00 Queen's Pageant. 7.30 Kayvee. 8.00 Silca's My Key. 8.30 Liefling.

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DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

### 6.00 BUCKINGHAM PALACE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£4,061: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | 0421 | ACTION JACKSON 7 (F) B McMahon 4-9-12 (4ex) | C Webb (3) | 93 |
| 2 | (8) | 0-00 | TIROLETTE 74 (B,CD,G,S) R Williams 4-9-11 | Aimee Cook | 90 |
| 3 | (6) | 0100 | SOOJAMA 7 (B,D,F,G) R Flower 6-9-4 | C Adamson | 95 |
| 4 | (1) | 050 | SHARP PROGRESS 15 A Jones 3-9-3 | Sophie Mitchell | 87 |
| 5 | (11) | 5030 | RISING SPRAY 7 C Horgan 5-9-0 | Amanda Sanders | 94 |
| 6 | (7) | 40-0 | DURSHAN 27 (F,G) J Jenkins 7-8-13 | P Doe (5) | ▣ |
| 7 | (3) | 4214 | VOICES IN THE SKY 2 (F) A Newcombe 5-8-10 | G Parkin | 90 |
| 8 | (9) | -050 | UMBERSTON 22 L Cumani 3-8-8 | R Ffrench (5) | 95 |
| 9 | (5) | 0030 | PRINCE DE BERRY 27 B Meehan 5-8-6 | D Sweeney | 84 |
| 10 | (10) | 6000 | BRONZE RUNNER 11 (B,D,F,G) E Wheeler 12-7-12 | Iona Wands | 93 |
| 11 | (4) | 0000 | LEAP IN THE DARK 11 (F) Miss L Siddall 7-7-11 | T Siddall (5) | 84 |

4-1 Action Jackson, 5-1 Umberston, Soojama, 6-1 Voices In The Sky, 8-1 Rising Spray, Tirolette, Prince De Berry, 10-1 others.

### 6.30 INVOSHIRE GROUP HANDICAP (£5,680: 1m 2f) (12)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | 0621 | ALAFLAK 27 (D,F) W Hern 5-10-0 | Pat Eddery | 97 |
| 2 | (5) | 420 | CHARTER 66 D Chappell 5-9-9 | W J O'Connor | 91 |
| 3 | (7) | 1114 | ROUFONTAINE 13 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 5-9-5 | R Havlin (5) | 96 |
| 4 | (8) | 2111 | PISTOL 9 (F,G) C Horgan 6-9-5 (5ex) | Paul Eddery | 94 |
| 5 | (11) | 3132 | SHARPICAL 24 (D,F,G) M Prescott 4-9-4 | G Duffield | 98 |
| 6 | (3) | 3202 | FAHS 7 (G) R Akehurst 4-9-2 | S Sanders | 97 |
| 7 | (9) | 3632 | TAUFAN BOY 20 (B,G) P Harris 3-9-0 | G Hind | ▣ |
| 8 | (2) | 015 | CLARE'S DANCER 58 (D,G) A Turnell 3-8-11 | T Ives | 90 |
| 9 | (12) | 0243 | LAW DANCER 8 (G) T Mills 3-8-9 | D Holland | 94 |
| 10 | (4) | 0301 | ROI DE LA MER 13 (F,G) J Akehurst 5-8-8 | M Tebbutt | 98 |
| 11 | (6) | 1403 | ASHBY HILL 16 (F) R Rowe 5-8-2 | A Clark | 97 |
| 12 | (10) | 4-40 | LA FILLE DE CIRQUE 15 (G) R Williams 4-7-10 | M Baird (5) | 93 |

3-1 Fahs, 5-1 Ashby Hill, Pistol, 7-1 Sharpical, Taufan Boy, 8-1 Roufontaine, Alaflak, 10-1 others.

### 7.00 INVOSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £5,472: 6f) (6)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | | CAERFILLY DANCER R Akehurst 8-11 | T Quinn | — |
| 2 | (2) | 2 | CATECHISM 13 J Gosden 8-11 | G Hind | 87 |
| 3 | (5) | | ELBAAHA M Jarvis 8-11 | P Robinson | — |
| 4 | (6) | | ETNA L Cumani 8-11 | Pat Eddery | — |
| 5 | (3) | 3 | QUEEN'S PAGEANT 67 J Spearing 8-11 | K Fallon | ▣ |
| 6 | (4) | 5 | ZAIMA 13 J Dunlop 8-11 | G Duffield | — |

7-4 Catechism, 5-2 Etna, 7-2 Queen's Pageant, 5-1 Elbaaha, 6-1 Zaima, 16-1 Caerfilly Dancer.

### 7.30 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION RATED HANDICAP (£6,318: 7f) (7)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (6) | 0040 | KAYVEE 6 (C,D,F,G) G Harwood 7-9-7 | A Clark | 93 |
| 2 | (7) | 14-5 | CHAMPAGNE PRINCE 16 (D,F) P Harris 3-9-4 | G Hind | 90 |
| 3 | (1) | 1014 | LAW COMMISSION 14 (D,F) D Elsworth 6-9-3 | T Quinn | ▣ |
| 4 | (5) | -000 | FEMME SAVANTE 13 (F) R Hannon 4-9-1 | W J O'Connor | 86 |
| 5 | (3) | 3020 | STAR TALENT 44 (D,F,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 5-8-13 | R Hughes | 93 |
| 6 | (2) | 2663 | SILENT EXPRESSION 7 (D,F,G) B Meehan 6-8-13 | B Doyle | 95 |
| 7 | (4) | 0432 | KILVINE 17 (G) L Cumani 3-8-6 | Pat Eddery | 98 |

7-2 Kilvine, 4-1 Kayvee, 9-2 Law Commission, 5-1 Champagne Prince, Silent Expression, 6-1 Star Talent, 10-1 Femme Savante.

### 8.00 PEREGRINE SECURITIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £5,576: 7f) (8)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (3) | 531 | BRISKA 39 (D,F) R Hannon 9-7 | R Hughes | 87 |
| 2 | (7) | 011 | UNION TOWN 7 (D,F) M Prescott 9-7 (5ex) | G Duffield | 98 |
| 3 | (8) | 2221 | THE DEEJAY 4 (D,F) M Brittain 8-13 (5ex) | G Parkin (5) | 91 |
| 4 | (5) | 240 | EATON PARK 51 R Akehurst 8-12 | T Quinn | 94 |
| 5 | (6) | 15 | SABOTINI 81 (G) B Hills 8-12 | Pat Eddery | 98 |
| 6 | (1) | 4346 | SUPERQUEST 7 W O'Gorman 8-11 | Emma O'Gorman | 97 |
| 7 | (4) | 3161 | MASTERSTROKE 15 (F) B Meehan 8-9 | B Doyle | ▣ |
| 8 | (2) | 0331 | SILCA'S MY KEY 10 (D,F) M Channon 8-8 (5ex) | R Perham | 97 |

7-4 Union Town, 4-1 Briska, 5-1 The Deejay, 6-1 Masterstroke, 8-1 Eaton Park, Silca's My Key, 10-1 others.

### 8.30 CRANBOURNE CHASE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,394: 1m 4f) (5)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | | BALLET HIGH I Balding 9-0 | T Quinn | — |
| 2 | (4) | 32 | CABALLUS 16 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 | B Doyle | 85 |
| 3 | (2) | 58 | MOON MISCHIEF 23 (BF) Lady Herries 9-0 | Paul Eddery | 97 |
| 4 | (3) | 0-5 | LIEFLING 23 J Gosden 8-9 | Pat Eddery | 97 |
| 5 | (5) | 0 | NATIONAL TREASURE 23 M Stoute 8-9 | P Robinson | ▣ |

9-4 Caballus, 5-2 Liefling, 7-2 Moon Mischief, 9-2 National Treasure, 6-1 Ballet High.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 5 winners from 20 runners, 25.0%; Lady Herries, 8 from 37, 21.6%; J Dunlop, 26 from 135, 19.3%; R Akehurst, 13 from 76, 17.1%; W Hern, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Gosden, 19 from 124, 15.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 34 winners from 244 rides, 13.9%; T Quinn, 25 from 185, 13.5%. Only qualifiers.

## NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

6.15 Uncle George. 6.40 Children's Choice. 7.10 Mousehole. 7.40 Arabian Heights. 8.10 Shouk. 8.40 Royale Figurine.

GOING: GOOD DRAW. NO ADVANTAGE SIS

### 6.15 RO-TRUCK FOR SCANIA SELLING STAKES (£3,720: 1m) (10 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1008 | DANCING LAWYER 85 (D,F,G) B Meehan 5-9-9 | M Tebbutt | 9 |
| 2 | 3110 | HAWWAM 6 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 10-9-9 | J Lowe | 7 |
| 3 | 2130 | PERILOUS PLIGHT 17 (D,BF,F,G) W Muir 5-9-9 | J Reid | 6 |
| 4 | 0000 | MEDIATE 24 (B,F,G) A Hide 4-9-4 | D Biggs | 10 |
| 5 | 0010 | MISS LAUGHTER 34 (D,F,G) J Hills 4-9-4 | O Urbina | 3 |
| 6 | 0045 | INDIAN RHAPSODY 42 (C,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 4-8-13 | P Bloomfield | 2 |
| 7 | 6500 | CRYSTAL FAST 17 (B) P Kelleway 3-8-11 | C Domergue (7) | 8 |
| 8 | 3003 | KUWAM 12 B Hanbury 3-8-11 | J Stack | 1 |
| 9 | 0606 | ONLY 9 R Hannon 3-8-11 | D Harrison | 5 |
| 10 | 0352 | UNCLE GEORGE 8 (B,F) M Tompkins 3-8-11 | W Woods | 4 |

3-1 Uncle George, 9-2 Perilous Plight, 5-1 Hawwam, 6-1 Dancing Lawyer, 7-1 Miss Laughter, 8-1 Kuwam, 10-1 Only, 12-1 others.

### 6.40 LUCINDA STOPFORD SACKVILLE LADIES HANDICAP (£3,720: 1m 4f) (7)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3432 | BELMARITA 9 M Tompkins 3-11-7 | Mrs L Pearce | 7 |
| 2 | 000 | MUKEED 25 (V) J Gosden 3-11-4 | Mrs C Dankan | 2 |
| 3 | 2022 | GO WITH THE WIND 11 (BF) M Bell 3-10-13 | Mrs A Perrett | 3 |
| 4 | 00-0 | CHILDREN'S CHOICE 94J (F,S) C Allen 5-10-12 | Mrs D Kettlewell | 5 |
| 5 | 0406 | ELA MAN HOWA 13 (F,G) A Bailey 5-10-9 | Miss Bridget Gatehouse (5) | 4 |
| 6 | -000 | STRAT'S LEGACY 33 (D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 9-10-2 | Mrs D Arbuthnot | 1 |
| 7 | 0-03 | STAR ANISE 23 Mrs D Haine 4-10-1 | Miss K Ellis (5) | 6 |

5-2 Mukeed, 3-1 Belmarita, 7-2 Go With The Wind, 5-1 Ela Man Howa, 10-1 Children's Choice, Strat's Legacy, 14-1 Star Anise.

### 7.10 VARDY CONTINENTAL HANDICAP (£6,004: 6f) (8)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1025 | RUSHCUTTER BAY 15 (F,G) T Clement 3-9-10 | G Faulkner (7) | 8 |
| 2 | 0315 | GOLDEN POUND 14 (D,F) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-9 | J Reid | 6 |
| 3 | -310 | DARK DEED 24 (D,F) B Hills 3-9-7 | M Hills | 4 |
| 4 | 6562 | FAME AGAIN 7 (G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-3 | J Fortune | 2 |
| 5 | 2123 | MOUSEHOLE 46 (B,D,BF,F) R Guest 4-9-1 | K Darley | 1 |
| 6 | 2321 | BAYIN 14 (D,F,G,S) M Usher 7-9-1 | R Street | 7 |
| 7 | 0021 | ROBELLION 8 (V,F,G) D Arbuthnot 5-8-8 (7ex) | S Whitworth | 3 |
| 8 | -006 | SAFEY ANA 35 (F,G) B Hanbury 5-8-5 | J Stack | 5 |

5-2 Fame Again, 3-1 Bayin, 4-1 Robellion, 6-1 Dark Deed, 7-1 Mousehole, 8-1 Golden Pound, 10-1 others.

### 7.40 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR TROPHY (Handicap: £5,754: 1m 2f) (14)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1054 | DANCE KING 21 (F) R Harris 4-9-10 | D Harrison | 1 |
| 2 | 0611 | ELASHATH 16 (D,F) J Gosden 3-9-1 | R Hills | 7 |
| 3 | 0656 | GALAPINO 34 (D,G) C Brittain 3-8-13 | J Gotobed (70 | 10 |
| 4 | 0001 | RING OF VISION 22 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-12 | K Darley | 11 |
| 5 | 1233 | AMBIDEXTROUS 14 (F) E Alston 4-8-10 | J Fortune | 8 |
| 6 | 0-00 | MAZIRAH 50 P Makin 5-8-8 | M Hills | 9 |
| 7 | -650 | FAIRELAINE 46 K Bailey 4-8-8 | B Thomson | 13 |
| 8 | 0502 | SOUTH EASTERN FRED 30 (D,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-6 | J Quinn | 4 |
| 9 | 0-00 | FOREIGN JUDGEMENT 18 W Musson 3-8-6 | J Wilkinson (7) | 6 |
| 10 | 0060 | SALTANDO 43 (G) Pat Mitchell 5-8-5 | M Tebbutt | 3 |
| 11 | 0200 | CONIC HILL 13 (D,F) J Pearce 5-8-5 | G Bardwell | 12 |
| 12 | 1040 | ARABIAN HEIGHTS 3 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-0 | F Lynch (3) | 5 |
| 13 | -004 | FERN'S GOVERNOR 39 W Musson 4-7-12 | D R McCabe | 2 |
| 14 | 4406 | GOLD DESIRE 46 (CD,G,S) M Brittain 6-7-10 | J Lowe | 14 |

5-2 Elashath, 7-1 Ring Of Vision, 8-1 South Eastern Fred, Ambidextrous, 10-1 Dance King, Arabian Heights, 12-1 Fern's Governor, 14-1 others.

### 8.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BEACON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,581: 7f) (9)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | DIXIE JAMBOREE L Cumani 9-0 | G Carter | 1 |
| 2 | | ENTREPRENEUR M Stoute 9-0 | J Reid | 9 |
| 3 | | INDIFFERENT GUY C Brittain 9-0 | D Harrison | 3 |
| 4 | 0 | MAFTOOL 50 J Gosden 9-0 | R Hills | 5 |
| 5 | | PENNYS FROM HEAVEN H Candy 9-0 | C Rutter | 4 |
| 6 | | REDWING J Dunlop 9-0 | K Darley | 2 |
| 7 | | SOCIAL PILLAR J Gosden 9-0 | M Hills | 7 |
| 8 | 0 | RIGHT TUNE 23 B Hanbury 8-9 | W Ryan | 6 |
| 9 | 0 | SHOUK 14 L Cumani 8-9 | O Urbina | 8 |

11-4 Social Pillar, 3-1 Entrepreneur, 7-2 Dixie Jamboree, 6-1 Redwing, 8-1 Maftool, Shouk, 10-1 others.

### 8.40 DEREK JONES COMMERCIALS FOR SCANIA FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,394: 6f) (5)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | -356 | ROYALE FIGURINE 21 (CD,F,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-12 | J Reid | 5 |
| 2 | -213 | WATCH ME 43 (D,G) R Hannon 3-8-12 | M Hills | 1 |
| 3 | 4563 | MAID FOR THE HILLS 7 (CD,F,G) D Loder 3-8-8 | P McCabe (3) | 4 |
| 4 | 0-20 | RED NYMPH 48 (D,F) W Jarvis 3-8-8 | B Thomson | 3 |
| 5 | 0030 | TROPICAL DANCE 34 (D,F,G) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-8 | K Darley | 2 |

Evens Watch Me, 5-2 Royale Figurine, 5-1 Maid For The Hills, 7-1 Red Nymph, 10-1 Tropical Dance.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 20 winners from 99 runners, 20.2%; J Gosden, 54 from 362, 14.9%; E Alston, 4 from 31, 12.9%; R Guest, 6 from 48, 12.5%; L Cumani, 34 from 278, 12.2%; Mrs J Ramsden, 10 from 82, 12.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Stack, 7 winners from 54 rides, 13.0%; R Hills, 28 from 255, 11.0%; M Hills, 35 from 337, 10.4%. Only qualifiers.

# Morny next for unbeaten Zamindar

ZAMINDAR, Zafonic's full-brother, remains unbeaten after two outings with an all-the-way victory in the group three Prix de Cabourg on the opening day of the Deauville Festival yesterday. Ladbrokes cut the colt to 8-1 for next year's 2,000 Guineas.

Although most observers considered that yesterday's victory was workmanlike, rather than brilliant, the Andre Fabre-trained colt was never in danger of defeat and had 2½ lengths to spare over Dyhim Diamond.

Thierry Jarnet, the winning jockey, said: "Zamindar showed plenty of courage and did just what I wanted. He is the obvious favourite for the Prix Morny, but Grant Pritchard-Gordon, representing Khaled Abdulla, put yesterday's race into perspective. He said: "Zamindar has had two easy races now. The Morny will be the real test."

The group one Prix Morny, which Zafonic won in 1992, takes place at Deauville on Sunday August 18.

## YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

### Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 6f) 1, BENATOM (Pat Eddery, 9-2 fav). 2, Mental Pressure (K Darley, 7-1). 3, Arnhem (B Doyle, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Nereus, 8 Jazz King (4th), Sharaf, 11 Orinoco River, 12 Gumair (6th), Infamous, 14 Ela-Yie-Mou, 20 Mighty Phantom (5th). 11 ran. 1½l, 2½l, nk, sh hd, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote £4.60; £2.10, £1.60, £3.00. DF £9.70. Trio £100.90. CSF £30.81. Tricast £287.64.

2.45 (6f) 1, EASYCALL (B Doyle, 7-2). 2, Raphane (K Darley, 7-4 fav). 3, Roman Imp (D Holland, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Proud Native (4th), 13-2 Close Relative, 12 Blue Ridge (6th), 25 Hornbeam (5th). 7 ran. 3l, ½l, 1l, sh hd, hd. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote £4.60; £2.20, £1.90. DF £4.60. CSF £9.24. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.20 (2m) 1, GREY SHOT (Pat Eddery, 3-1). 2, Lear White (J Reid, 13-2). 3, Persian Punch (G Bardwell, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Kalabo (6th), 5 Admiral's Well, 20 Spartan Heartbeat (5th), 25 Daraydan (4th). 7 ran. Hd, 3½l, 2½l, sh hd, 2½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote £3.60; £1.80, £2.80. DF £9.40. CSF £19.94.

3.50 (1m) 1, MOSCOW MIST (Declan O'Shea, 66-1). 2, Missile (M Hills, 9-4 fav). 3, Prince Babar (G Faulkner, 12-1). 4, Green Green Desert (D Harrison, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Almuhimm, 13-2 Trogaron, 8 Bend Wavy, 12 Sue's Return (5th), 14 Multitovor (6th), 16 Desert Green, 20 How Long, 25 Golden Pond, Khayrapour, 40 Autumn Affair, Double Diamond, New Century, Serious, 50 Ninia. 18 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, ½l, 4l, 1l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote £82.60; £10.50, £1.60, £2.00, £2.50. DF £157.70. Trio £516.80. CSF £207.65. Tricast £1,957.21.

4.25 (7f) 1, QUINTELLINA (K Darley, 5-4 fav). 2, Saabga (J Carroll, 10-1). 3, Happy Go Lucky (S Sanders, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Elrayahn (4th), 8 Ink Pot, 12 Logica, 14 Dundel (6th), Lucky Dip, 25 Laguna Bay, 50 Amarella, Elegant Dance, French Mist (5th), Silver Sands, Soden, Sound Appeal. 15 ran. NR: Pretty Sharp. 2½l, ¾l, sh hd, sh hd, 2l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote £2.30; £1.40, £2.90, £6.00. DF £9.10. Trio £387.50. CSF £13.34.

5.00 (5f) 1, FREDRIK THE FIERCE (K Darley, 8-1). 2, Tear White (Dane O'Neill, 6-1). 3, Top Of The Form (T Williams, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Bramble Bear, 9 Joint Venture, Oneknight With You (5th), 11 Robec Girl, 12 Plan For Profit (6th), 14 Rudi's Pet (4th), 16 Silver Spell, 20 Petite Danseuse. 11 ran. 1l, 1l, 1½l, hd, nk. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote £9.90; £2.60, £2.20, £1.80. DF £37.10. Trio £36.10. CSF £48.56. Tricast £198.13.

5.35 (1m 1f) 1, KOATHARY (K Darley, 20-1). 2, Urgent Swift (W J O'Connor, 25-1). 3, Harvey White (R Ffrench, 16-1). 4, Fairy Knight (Dane O'Neill, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav King Of Sparta, 11-2 Pasternak, 13-2 Pride Of Pendle, 7 Pay Homage, 9 Superpride, 10 Thames Side, 12 Set The Fashion, 14 Classic Defence, 16 Aeroking, Far Dawn, Mr Rough, 25 Lookingforarainbow (6th), 33 Captain's Day, 40 Mimosa (5th). 18 ran. 1½l, 2½l, ½l, 1½l, ¾l. L Cottrell at Cullompton. Tote £54.00; £7.50, £10.00, £4.20, £4.30. DF £586.60. Trio £2,619.00 (part won, pool of £2,213.26 carried forward to 2.45 at Goodwood today). CSF £419.99. Tricast £7,457.89.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £127,999.75 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £63.40. Quadpot: £16.50.

### Yarmouth

Going: good

2.00 (6f 3yd) 1, RAMBOLD (R Perham, 7-1). 2, Indian Relative (D Griffiths, 12-1). 3, Never Think Twice (N Adams, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Cheeky Chappy (4th), 4 Red Admiral, 8 Oberon's Dart (5th), 12 Royal Fanfare, 16 Persian Butterfly (6th), 20 Spanish Stripper, 25 First Option. 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l, hd, 1½l, 3l. N Berry at Lambourn. Tote £8.50; £2.30, £4.80, £1.90. DF £60.90. Trio £184.70. CSF £75.98. Tricast £429.32.

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, ABSTONE QUEEN (G Carter, 13-2). 2, Breffni (T G McLaughlin, 6-4 fav). 3, Le Shuttle (P Robinson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Grovefair Flyer (4th), 13-2 Marsh Marigold (5th), 10 Emmas Breeze, 20 Tirol's Treasure, Victory At Hart (6th). 8 ran. 2½l, hd, 2l, 1½l, 5l. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote £7.50; £2.20, £1.20, £1.60. DF £8.70. CSF £16.18.

3.05 (5f 43yd) 1, HEAD OVER HEELS (W Ryan, 4-6 fav). 2, Song Of Skye (G Carter, 15-8). 3, Sous Le Nez (D Griffiths, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 20 Anokato (4th). 4 ran. 2l, 2½l, 4l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote £1.40. DF £1.30. CSF £2.38.

3.35 (7f 3yd) 1, UNDERCOVER AGENT (G Carter, 8-15 fav). 2, River Of Fortune (P Robinson, 7-1). 3, Lady Godiva (N Carlisle, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11 Ivory Dawn (6th), 20 Fontcaudette (5th), 25 Ms Ziman, 33 Janglynyve (4th). 7 ran. 1l, 1½l, 2l, hd, ¾l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote £1.30; £1.10, £2.00. DF £3.20. CSF £5.14.

4.10 (7f 3yd) 1, NASHAAT (P McCabe, 6-1). 2, Awesome Venture (D R McCabe, 9-2). 3, Wild Palm (Emma O'Gorman, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Young Annabel (5th), 5 Great Bear (4th), 10 Ivory's Grab Hire, Thunder River (6th), 50 Raomi. 8 ran. Nk, sh hd, 2l, nk, 6l. M Chapman at Market Rasen. Tote £7.80; £1.60, £1.80, £1.50. DF £12.20. CSF £30.66. Tricast £121.42.

4.45 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, MAZILLA (R Havlin, 11-4 fav). 2, Divine (S Whitworth, 11-2). 3, Parsa (G Carter, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Passage Creeping (4th), 6 Dancing Destiny (6th), 9 Titchwell Lass, 12 Ma Petite Anglaise, 20 Fikra, 33 Pat's Splendour (5th). 9 ran. ½l, 1½l, ½l, 2l, 1½l. A Streeter at Uttoxeter. Tote £3.90; £1.60, £1.70, £2.00. DF £11.80. Trio £26.30. CSF £18.27. Tricast £56.68.

Placepot: £32.50. Quadpot: £3.80.

## Wednesday's late details

### Epsom

Going: good, good to firm in places

8.00 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, Soviet Bride (R Havlin, 9-4 fav). 2, Kaafih Homm (100-30). 3, Rising Dough (4-1). 6 ran. 3l, nk. S Dow. Tote £2.60; £1.60, £2.80. DF £4.20. CSF £8.95.

6.30 (6f) 1, Aegean Sound (W J O'Connor, 8-15 fav). 2, Gilding The Lily (15-8). 3, Coal To Diamonds (12-1). 3 ran. 2l, dist. R Hannon. Tote £1.70. DF £1.10. CSF £1.79.

7.00 (1m 114yd) 1, Budby (S Whitworth, 9-4). 2, Sharp Shuffle (2-1 fav). 3, Silver Harrow (6-1). 7 ran. ½l, 2½l. A Stewart. Tote £2.80; £1.70, £1.70. DF £2.20. CSF £6.91.

7.30 (7f) 1, Balance Of Power (S Sanders, 9-1). 2, Yo Kiri-B (9-2 fav). 3, Broughtons Turmoil (11-2). 15 ran. Nk, nk. R Akehurst. Tote £10.40; £3.10, £1.90, £2.90. DF £21.30. Trio £51.20. CSF £49.73. Tricast £240.16.

8.00 (6f) 1, Lord Olivier (M Tebbutt, 6-1). 2, Talathus (6-1). 3, Palacegate Touch (7-2). No Extras 9-4 fav. 8 ran. Nk, 1½l. W Jarvis. Tote £11.10; £2.40, £1.90, £1.20. DF £38.00. CSF £39.37.

8.30 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Supermick (M Henry, 8-1). 2, Norsong (6-1). 3, Shining Dancer (10-1). Rocquaine Bay 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 1½l, 4l. W Muir. Tote £6.30; £1.90, £2.70, £3.80. DF £17.90. Trio £98.40. CSF £54.18. Tricast £457.63.

Placepot: £37.80. Quadpot: £16.00.

### Stratford

Going: good to firm, good in places

6.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Ragamuffin Romeo (R Massey, 14-1). 2, Indian Minor (40-1). 3, Heretical Miss (4-1). Set-Em-Alight 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 1l, 2½l. H Sawyer. Tote £21.80; £3.10, £5.80, £1.30. DF £315.20. Tricast £2,400.74.

6.45 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Ordog Mor (D Byrne, 2-5 fav). 2, Murberry (5-1). 3, Tug Your Forelock (20-1). 6 ran. 20l, 9l. M Meagher. Tote £1.50; £1.10, £1.90. DF £2.10. CSF £3.04.

7.15 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Stately Home (R Johnson, 11-8). 2, Nobley (5-4 fav). 3, Flying Ziad (16-1). 5 ran. 5l, ¾l. P Bowen. Tote £2.20; £1.20, £1.40. DF £1.50. CSF £3.41.

7.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Chancey Fella (A P McCoy, 7-2). 2, Samba Sharply (7-4 fav). 3, Sorisky (11-2). 11 ran. ½l, 13l. H Haynes. Tote £3.90; £1.50, £1.60, £1.30. DF £4.60. Trio £6.00. CSF £9.16.

8.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Sonic Star (A Maguire, 9-4). 2, Shikaree (11-8 fav). 3, Sydmonton (20-1). 6 ran. 8l, 5l. D Nicholson. Tote £3.00; £1.40, £1.60. DF £2.50. CSF £5.64.

8.45 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Jenzsoph (D J Kavanagh, 11-4 fav). 2, Strong John (4-1). 3, Circus Colours (7-1). 8 ran. 2l, 1½l. P Hobbs. Tote £3.40; £1.70, £1.60, £1.90. DF £7.60. CSF £13.22. Tricast £61.07.

Placepot: £27.60. Quadpot: £1.50.

☐ Willie Carson, injured in a fall at Newmarket a week ago, has further delayed his return to the saddle. He had hoped to return at Goodwood yesterday, but pulled a muscle answering the telephone yesterday morning, and will not be back in action until tomorrow at the earliest.

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**RACING:** LOCHSONG TEAM CELEBRATES ANOTHER EMOTIONAL WIN

# Grey Shot strikes target with gallant success

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE *Lochsong team of Jeff* Smith and Ian Balding were back in the winner's enclosure yesterday, eyes gleaming with scarcely concealed tears of joy, after a *Garrard* Goodwood Cup success which could not have been in greater contrast to the exploits of their famous sprinter.

While *the highly*-strung Lochsong had speed to burn, Grey Shot is a laid-back stayer whose will to win exceeds that of most British Olympians. *Setting out* to make all the running, under Pat Eddery, around two miles of the switchback course, he looked a sitting duck as his six rivals prepared to pounce turning for home.

However, Grey Shot would not be denied and showed great courage to repel the challenges of Daraydan, Persian Punch and then Lear White to win the most thrilling finish of the week by a head. Both owner and trainer are used to the adrenalin pumping, produced by success at the highest level, but the bravery of their stayer triggered an emotional response which was the equal of anything brought about by Lochsong.

*Smith*, whose colours were also carried into third place by Persian Punch, said: "It's a totally different battle. This race was won by courage and while Lochsong was not without guts, she had such blistering pace. These stayers offer such a wonderful spectacle. They give everything. Sprinters are a wonderful sight in full flow but in stayers' races you really see the courage of the thoroughbred."

Balding, his voice choking with emotion, added: "This horse is so brave. He just keeps pulling out more. I used to worry about Lochsong because she was such a livewire on the racecourse and we had to get her down to the start in one piece. Grey Shot is *at the total opposite end of the* spectrum."

"I have to admit Lochsong was the favourite horse I have ever trained as we had her that much longer, but this one could replace her because we will have him around for some years, all being well. He could become another Further Flight."

Having started the season by running Double Trigger to a head at Ascot, Grey Shot disappointed at York and in Germany but was subsequently found to have put out a vertebra. After Tony Gilmour, a back specialist, had worked the oracle, the horse put on weight and began to thrive.

Without wishing to take anything away from Grey Shot, the absence of the two Mark Johnston-trained Doubles — Trigger and Eclipse — probably meant the Cup race was not of the highest standard. However, as the winner is a stone better on soft ground a rewarding autumn campaign is *in prospect*. "He's entered in the Melbourne Cup, which is a possibility," Balding added.

Just what the Goodwood *crowd makes of the incessant* stream of announcements made over the loudspeaker system remains to be seen, but the spectators were certainly misled by the racecourse's rat-tat-tat announcer when he told them a "high-class field" was lining up for the Richmond Stakes.

An objective assessment of the seven runners would suggest a group two race on paper was group three or even a listed race in practice, so it may be wise not to read too much into the comfortable success of Easycall, who put three lengths between himself and Raphane.

This meeting is proving particularly kind to bookmakers and their good fortune continued in spectacular style when Missile, the handicap "good thing" in the Schweppes Golden Mile, failed by a short head to catch Moscow Mist. Missile was backed to win more than £90,000 in major on-course bets, while the support for the winner can be *gauged from his starting price* — 66-1.

Kevin Darley completed a 424-1 treble in the last three races of the day to leapfrog Pat Eddery *and lead the race for* the jockeys' London Clubs Trophy.

**RICHARD EVANS**

**Nap: MAWINGO**
(2.45 Goodwood)
**Next best: Royale Figurine**
*(8.40 Newmarket)*

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Grey Shot, left, holds off the determined challenge of Lear White to capture the Goodwood Cup yesterday

## GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.15 Miss Riviera
2.45 **FAHIM** (nap)
3.20 Midnight Legend
3.50 Tipsy Creek
4.25 Prairie Falcon
5.00 Clan Chief
5.35 Hawa Al Nasamaat

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 **BETTER OFFER.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Ood Dancer. 2.45 **FAHIM** (nap). 3.50 Deep Finesse.

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

### 2.15 SEEBOARD HANDICAP BBC2

(3-Y-O: £21,705: 7f) (18 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | (2) | 40-3232 | UNCONDITIONAL LOVE 12 (F) (Mrs H Conroy) M Johnston 9-7 | D Holland | 93 |
| 102 | (12) | 1-24622 | MISS RIVIERA 24 (BF,F) (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-1 | M Hill | 94 |
| 103 | (4) | 013454 | PRENDS CA 24 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Adams) R Hannon 8-13 | J Reid | 94 |
| 104 | (18) | 04-3604 | WISAM 20 (C,F) (M Sobali) R Hannon 8-13 | Dane O'Neill (3) | 91 |
| 105 | (15) | 3-1400 | ROYAL CANASKA 45 (G) (Mrs J Sillon) M Heaton-Ellis 8-13 | A Clark | 95 |
| 106 | (17) | 20-5203 | ROYAL MARK 24 (D,F,G) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 8-12 | T Quinn | 95 |
| 107 | (1) | 010021 | LILLI CLAIRE 24 (CD,F,G) (C Leslie) A Foster 8-11 | T Sprake | 96 |
| 108 | (8) | 653560 | LUCKY ARCHER 24 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-10 | B Doyle | 92 |
| 109 | (7) | 525211 | GREEN BARRIES 17 (D,F,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Johnston 8-9 | R Hills | [illegible] |
| 110 | (3) | 032131 | OOD DANCER 20 (D,F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-9 | Pat Eddery | 98 |
| 111 | (5) | 31 | HIGH SUMMER 20 (D,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-8 | R Hughes | 92 |
| 112 | (13) | 31-0030 | CARICATURE 54 (V,BF,G) (White Bear Ltd) G Lewis 8-8 | Paul Eddery | 94 |
| 113 | (9) | 5-23112 | DANCING IMAGE 28 (BF,F) (The Queen) I Balding 8-4 | Martin Dwyer (5) | 95 |
| 114 | (11) | 812 | CROSS OF VALOUR 10 (F) (P Dalby) J Toller 8-3 | S Sanders | 94 |
| 115 | (10) | 20-0212 | ALBERT THE BEAR 20 (D,F) (C Deuters) J Berry 8-1 | K Darley | 98 |
| 116 | (14) | 405023 | BANZHAF 20 (D,G) (B Pennick) G L Moore 7-10 | J Quinn | 94 |
| 117 | (16) | 0504-61 | STEAL 'EM 21 (D,F) (S Hassett) A Bailey 7-10 | D Wright (3) | 91 |
| 118 | (6) | 003622 | SCHOOL BOY 16 (B) (The Allstars Club) T Naughton 7-10 | M Henry (3) | 93 |

Long handicap: Banzhaf 7-9, Steal 'Em 7-7, School Boy 7-6

BETTING: 6-1 High Summer, 13-2 Ood Dancer, 7-1 Green Barries, Dancing Image, 8-1 Miss Riviera, Lilli Claire, 12-1 Royal Mark, 14-1 Albert The Bear, Wisam, 16-1 Unconditional Love, Cross Of Valour, 20-1 others.

1995: EASY DOLLAR 8-12 R Hughes (33-1) B Gubby 16 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE 1¾l 2nd of 5 to Blue Duster in conditions race at Yarmouth (7f, firm). ROYAL MARK 1¼l and neck 3rd of 9 to Wildwood Flower in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good) with LUCKY ARCHER (3lb better off) 6l 8th. LILLI CLAIRE beat MISS RIVIERA (3lb better off) 1¼l in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) with UNCONDITIONAL LOVE (3lb better off) ¾l 3rd and PRENDS CA (6lb better off) 1¼l 4th. GREEN BARRIES beat Kilvine ¾l in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). Previously beat DANCING IMAGE (2lb better off) neck in handicap at Sandown (7f, good to firm). OOD DANCER beat ALBERT THE BEAR (4lb better off) 2l in 9-runner handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm) with BANZHAF (9lb better off) 3l 3rd. SCHOOL BOY head 2nd of 6 to Dark Menace in *maiden handicap at Brighton (6f, firm).*
Selection: GREEN BARRIES

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rnrs | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G Wragg | 9 | 38 | 23.7 | Pat Eddery | 34 | 175 | 19.4 |
| C James | 3 | 14 | 21.4 | M Hills | 21 | 117 | 17.9 |
| R Charlton | 12 | 59 | 20.3 | Dane O'Neill | 9 | 52 | 17.3 |
| P Cole | 23 | 122 | 18.9 | J Reid | 35 | 244 | 14.3 |
| Lady Herries | 8 | 44 | 18.2 | D Holland | 8 | 56 | 14.3 |
| T Naughton | 6 | 35 | 17.1 | T Quinn | 38 | 286 | 13.3 |

### 2.45 VOLVO TRUCK FINANCE GLOBETROTTER HANDICAP BBC2

(3-Y-O: £34,020: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | (9) | 3-34101 | MUSHAHID 16 (F,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7 | J Reid | 92 |
| 202 | (8) | 136 | WOT NO FAX 39 (D,F) (Kemiquip's Racing Partnership) S Dow 9-0 | B Thomson | 98 |
| 203 | (11) | 003400 | BELIEVE ME 28 (F,G) (B Adams) R Hannon 9-0 | Dane O'Neill (3) | 95 |
| 204 | (14) | 0-11 | FAHIM 22 (F) (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-13 | R Hills | 93 |
| 205 | (12) | 16-604 | AL ABRAQ 22 (F) (Z Sabadari) J Hills 8-13 | D Holland | 93 |
| 206 | (13) | 640511 | DOUBLE BLUFF 18 (D,F) (J Smith) I Balding 8-9 | Martin Dwyer (5) | 96 |
| 207 | (3) | 541 | KUALA LIPIS 48 (G) (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 8-7 | T Quinn | 95 |
| 208 | (1) | 02-4106 | MURHEB 27 (D,F) (A Al Shafar) R Armstrong 8-5 | M Hills | 90 |
| 209 | (7) | 0-24100 | THE DILETTANTI 22 (G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 8-5 | S Sanders | 90 |
| *210* | (2) | *454016* | *IAMUS 13 (F) (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 8-4* | T Sprake | 92 |
| 211 | (4) | 6631 | CROWN COURT 24 (G) (Lord De La Warr, M K-Dineen) L Cumani 8-3 | Pat Eddery | 93 |
| 212 | (10) | 22-314 | FREEDOM FLAME 18 (D,BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 8-2 | K Darley | 97 |
| 213 | (6) | 002553 | EXALTED 7 (G) (Mrs F Watts) M Prescott 8-1 | G Duffield | [illegible] |
| 214 | (5) | 5-61511 | MAWINGO 34 (F,G) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 8-0 | J Quinn | 93 |

BETTING: 3-1 Crown Court, 7-2 Fahim, 5-1 Mawingo, 7-1 Double Bluff, 8-1 Kuala Lipis, 12-1 Freedom Flame, 16-1 Al Abraq, Exalted, 20-1 others.

1995: JALFREZI 7-10 S Sanders (6-1) J Toller 14 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

FAHIM beat Winston 3l in 20-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with AL ABRAQ *(11lb better off) 2¾l 4th and THE DILETTANTI* (13lb better off) 2¾l 9th. DOUBLE BLUFF beat Special Dawn 2l in 7-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) with FREEDOM FLAME (3lb better off) 2¾l 4th. KUALA LIPIS beat Boffin Jones 1¾l in 6-runner maiden at York (1m, good). CROWN COURT beat Emily-Mou 5l in 19-runner *handicap at Newmarket (1m, good). FREEDOM* FLAME beat Al Shafa 1l in 13-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). MAWINGO beat North Song 2l in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good).
Selection: FAHIM

### 3.20 SCHRODERS GLORIOUS RATED HANDICAP BBC2

(Listed race: £30,579: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | (6) | 0-42140 | MIDNIGHT LEGEND 24 (CD,F,G) (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 5-9-7 | J Reid | 90 |
| 302 | (8) | 05-1102 | SALMON LADDER 13 (F,G,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 4-9-5 | T Quinn | 96 |
| 303 | (7) | 12/0-533 | RIVER NORTH 39 (D,G,S) (P Savill) Lady Herries 6-9-4 | K Darley | 93 |
| 304 | (2) | 05-0201 | SON OF SHARP SHOT 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Windflower) J Dunlop 6-8-13 | Paul Eddery | 94 |
| 305 | (3) | 514-165 | SANMARTINO 44 (F,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 4-8-12 | Pat Eddery | 94 |
| 306 | (5) | 0-40404 | IONIO 27 (D,F,G) (Dayspring Co Ltd) C Brittain 5-8-7 | B Doyle | 95 |
| 307 | (9) | 00-1332 | ROYAL SCIMITAR 27 (D,F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-8-7 | R Hills | 93 |
| 308 | (1) | 2205-34 | ROKEBY BOWL 3 (G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-7 | K Fallon | 95 |
| 309 | (4) | 223-051 | BETTER OFFER 6 (D,F) (Mrs W Sainer) G Harwood 4-8-7 | M Hills | [illegible] |

*Long handicap: Ionio 8-6, Royal Scimitar 8-6, Rokeby Bowl 8-5, Better Offer 8-4.*

BETTING: 4-1 Midnight Legend, 9-2 Salmon Ladder, Better Offer, 5-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 6-1 Sanmartino, 8-1 Rokeby Bowl, 10-1 others.

1995: MIDNIGHT LEGEND 4-9-7 L Dettori (7-2) L Cumani 7 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

SALMON LADDER 1l 2nd of 6 to Wall Street in listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). RIVER NORTH 2l 3rd of 8 to Musetta in conditions race at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). SON OF SHARP SHOT beat Romios short-head in handicap at York (1m 4f, good). SANMARTINO 7½l 5th to Tykeyvor in a handicap at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) with IONIO (4lb better off) 3½l 9th and SON OF SHARP SHOT (2lb worse off) 3l 14th. ROYAL SCIMITAR neck 2nd to Key To My Heart in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good) with IONIO (5lb better off) 3½l 4th. ROKEBY BOWL 5¼l 4th to Grand Selection in handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). BETTER OFFER beat Beyond Doubt ½l in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: SALMON LADDER

### 3.50 JOCKEY CLUB OF KENYA MOLECOMB STAKES BBC2

(Group III: 2-Y-O: £23,400: 5f) (7 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | (7) | 1311 | DEEP FINESSE 27 (D,F,G,S) (J Sims) M Jarvis 9-3 | P Robinson | 90 |
| 402 | (4) | 11 | TIPSY CREEK 43 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-3 | R Hills | [illegible] |
| 403 | (3) | 12 | OMAHA CITY 13 (D,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 8-12 | D Holland | 96 |
| 404 | (5) | 2121 | VAX STAR 28 (D,F,G) (Vax Ltd) J Spearing 8-10 | K Darley | 95 |
| 405 | (2) | 13 | CARMINE LAKE 87 (D,BF,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-7 | J Reid | 95 |
| 406 | (1) | 1140 | CONNEMARA 24 (D,G) (Dr A Haloute) C Dwyer 8-7 | K Fallon | 96 |
| 407 | (6) | 3131 | OLYMPIC SPIRIT 20 (D,F) (William Hill Ltd) J Berry 8-7 | J Carroll | 97 |

BETTING: 11-10 Tipsy Creek, 11-2 Vax Star, 6-1 Olympic Spirit, 7-1 Deep Finesse, 8-1 others.

1995: ALMATY 9-3 K Darley (9-2) C Collins (Ire) 7 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

DEEP FINESSE beat Nombre Premiere ¾l in group III Prix du Bois at Longchamp (5f, soft). TIPSY CREEK beat Raphane 1l in 10-runner group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm). VAX STAR beat Compton Place head in 5-runner listed race at Sandown (5f, good). CONNEMARA 1¾l 4th of 13 to Dance Parade in the group III Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm). Previously beat Foot Battalion 1½l in a 6-runner conditions race at Chester (5f, good) with CARMINE LAKE (2lb better off) 2l 3rd. OLYMPIC SPIRIT beat Indian Rocket 1½l in a 6-runner conditions race at Chester (6f, good to firm).
Selection: DEEP FINESSE

### 4.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FOXHALL MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £6,970: 7f) (5 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | (5) | 06 | DICKIE BIRD 14 (G Teo) R Hannon 8-11 | Pat Eddery | 93 |
| 502 | (1) | | PRAIRIE FALCON (Lady Harrison) B Hills 8-11 | M Hills | – |
| 503 | (4) | | QUERTIER (R Brehaut) M Channon 8-11 | R Hughes | – |
| 504 | (3) | | UNKNOWN TERRITORY (Surrey Laminators Ltd) M Channon 8-11 | T Quinn | – |
| 505 | (2) | 034 | ZARETSKI 35 (B Vosk) C Brittain 8-11 | B Doyle | [illegible] |

BETTING: 9-4 Zaretski, 5-2 Prairie Falcon, 7-2 Dickie Bird, 4-1 Unknown Territory, 5-1 Quertier.

1995: MARK OF ESTEEM 8-11 W Ryan (8-15 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

DICKIE BIRD 8¼l 6th of 12 to Cinema Paradiso in a maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm). PRAIRIE FALCON (foaled Feb 27, cost 72,000gns) By Alzao, half-brother to useful 6f/7f winner Hill Hopper, group III winner; dam, half-sister to King Edward VII Stakes winner Sea Anchor, of little account. *QUERTIER (Mar 14). By Bluebird, half-brother to 7f* winner Slash And Burn; dam unraced. UNKNOWN TERRITORY (May 13, 6,400gns). By Imperial Frontier, half-brother to 7f juvenile winner Viceroy Lad, later winner over 1m; dam unraced. ZARETSKI 6½l 4th of 6 to Yashmak in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good).
*Selection: ZARETSKI*

### 5.00 CHICHESTER CITY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,050: 5f) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 601 | (4) | 554522 | WHITE EMIR 15 (B,D,BF,F,S) (The Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 9-7 | B Doyle | 93 |
| *602* | (5) | *533444* | *DANDE FLYER 8 (D,F,G) (Dandelion Diet Ltd) D Arbuthnot 8-13* | D Holland | 87 |
| 603 | (1) | 021003 | SHARP PEARL 15 (B,D,F) (D Yardy) J White 8-10 | R Hughes | 94 |
| 604 | (8) | 301341 | GWESPYR 7 (D,F,G) (Lord Mostyn) J Berry 8-6 (7ex) | J Carroll | 91 |
| 605 | (6) | 0-44 | PAOJIUNIC 14 (P Riccardi) L Cumani 8-5 | Pat Eddery | 91 |
| 606 | (2) | 4-52211 | CLAN CHIEF 8 (D,F) (P Lowe) J Arnold 8-5 (7ex) | T Quinn | 96 |
| 607 | (9) | 451406 | CHEMCAST 2 (B,CD,F,G) (B Cassidy) D Nicholls 8-2 | J F Egan | 90 |
| 608 | (7) | 032-150 | STEP ON DEGAS 15 (V,D,F) (Degas Pnrs) M Fetherston-Godley 8-0 | M Henry (3) | 93 |
| 609 | (3) | 63-0031 | LITERARY SOCIETY 16 (D,F) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 7-13 | J Quinn | [illegible] |

BETTING: 3-1 Clan Chief, 7-2 Gwespyr, 5-1 Paojiunic, 6-1 White Emir, 7-1 Literary Society, Dande Flyer, 8-1 Sharp Pearl, 10-1 others.

1995: CROWDED AVENUE 8-2 Paul Eddery (3-1) P Makin 6 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

WHITE EMIR ½l 2nd of 8 to Mindrace in a handicap at Bath (5f, firm) with SHARP PEARL (6lb better off) 1¾l 3rd, GWESPYR (2lb worse off) head 4th and STEP ON DEGAS (7lb better off) 7½l 7th. DANDE FLYER 5½l 4th of 8 to Galine in a handicap at Newmarket (5f, good). GWESPYR beat *Shashi ½l in a 9-runner rating related stakes at* Nottingham (5f, good to firm). PAOJIUNIC 3¾l 4th of 6 to Newgate in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). CLAN CHIEF beat Mindrace 2½l in a 7-runner handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm) with DANDE FLYER (7lb better off) 3l 4th. LITERARY SOCIETY beat Midnight Spell head in a 4-runner rating related maiden at *Brighton (5f 59yd, firm).*
Selection: CLAN CHIEF

### 5.35 KINRARA APPRENTICE LIMITED STAKES (£6,808: 6f) (11 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (8) | *015100* | *SCHARNHORST 22 (D,F,G,S) (Mackenzie Print) S Dow 4-9-7* | D Salt (7) | 85 |
| 2 | (6) | 016012 | ANSELLMAN 22 (F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) J Berry 6-9-4 | P Roberts | 89 |
| 3 | (4) | 251432 | SCISSOR RIDGE 18 (CD,G) (D Smith) J Bridger 4-9-1 | R Brisland (5) | 62 |
| 4 | (10) | 003021 | TILER 7 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 4-9-1 | M Henry | [illegible] |
| 5 | (1) | 4604-03 | HAWA AL NASAMAAT 4 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-8-12 | Dane O'Neill | 96 |
| 6 | (9) | 2-00406 | HINTON ROCK 4 (V,F) (P Freeman) A Bailey 4-8-12 | D Wright | 89 |
| 7 | (7) | 004056 | PETRACO 18 (D,F,G,S) (B Gover) N Smith 8-8-12 | J Bramhill (5) | 69 |
| *8* | (2) | *600400* | *ROCK SYMPHONY 32 (D,F) (Mrs C Feather) W Haggas 6-8-12* | Elizabeth Turner (5) | 95 |
| 9 | (11) | 461-504 | SAMWAR 20 (G) (Maygain Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-12 | D Griffiths | 96 |
| 10 | (5) | 646006 | FANTASY RACING 4 (CD,F,G) (Aldridge Racing) M Channon 4-8-9 | A Eddery (3) | 90 |
| 11 | (3) | 363685 | RANDOM 20 (D,G) (A Waddle) C James 5-8-9 | Martin Dwyer | 65 |

BETTING: 9-4 Tiler, 4-1 *Scharnhorst*, 5-1 Ansellman, 7-1 Samwar, 8-1 Scissor Ridge, 10-1 Hawa Al Nasamaat, 12-1 Fantasy Racing, 14-1 others.

1995: FIRST VEIL 5-8-7 N Varley (4-1) J Fanshawe 7 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

SCHARNHORST beat Double Splendour 2½l in a 7-runner handicap at Kempton (6f, good to soft). ANSELLMAN ¾l 2nd of 8 to La Petite Fusee in a rating related stakes at Chepstow (6f, good to firm). SCISSOR RIDGE 1½l 2nd of 7 to Pride of Hayling in a handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). TILER beat Benzoe neck in an 11-runner handicap at Thirsk (6f, firm). HAWA AL NASAMAAT ¾l and neck 3rd of 8 to Cheeky Chappy in a handicap at Nottingham (6f, good to firm) with HINTON ROCK (4lb worse off) 6l 6th. SAMWAR 4l 4th of 18 to Double Splendour in a handicap at York (6f, good) with FANTASY RACING (2lb better off) 5l 11th.
Selection: SAMWAR (nap)

☐ Minimum race values are set to drop in 1997 after the decision of the Levy Board to reduce its contribution to prize-money next year. The reduction of £1.4 million means cuts in prize-money will average 4.2 per cent for Flat races and 3 per cent for National Hunt events.

## Salmon Ladder to step lively

GOODWOOD
BBC2

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.15: The lightly-raced Cross Of Valour has progressed with each run and looked as though he would appreciate today's seventh furlong when chasing home Sylva Paradise at Yarmouth ten days ago. Green Barries is *arguably the form choice*, having been raised only 2lb for his latest success over the Luca Cumani-trained Kilvine. That result should tell Cumani where he stands with **Ood Dancer**, who showed a good turn of foot to land the spoils at Lingfield recently. Pat Eddery should be able to drop in the Night Shift colt from his moderate draw and he can follow up off a 4lb higher mark.

2.45: This is far from straightforward with several progressive horses *stepping* up in trip. Mushahid looks *sure* to appreciate the extra two furlongs after pipping Phantom Quest over a mile at Doncaster, while Fahim and Crown Court will also *progress*.

Kuala Lipis is fairly treated on his handicap debut, having won in a fast time at York, but **Mawingo** is a confident choice. The in-form Geoff Wragg has already won three races with the progressive colt, who looked as though today's trip would suit when beating North Song cosily at Newmarket last time.

3.20: Guy Harwood is wasting no time running Better Offer after his narrow victory over Beyond Doubt at Ascot on Saturday and he should be thereabouts off only a 3lb higher mark. Midnight Legend, last year's winner, takes a drop in class after tackling group two company and would be thereabouts if returning to his best. However, **Salmon Ladder** is the choice after showing that his Ascot handicap victory off ten stone was no fluke when just going down to the well-regarded Wall Street at Newbury. The step up to a mile-and-a-half should suit and can bring about further improvement.

3.50: **Tipsy Creek** did this *column a big favour at Royal* Ascot where Ben Hanbury's fast sprinter overcame a bad draw to score in a decent time. A reproduction of that effort *should* suffice here. The Dayjur colt has reportedly done well since Ascot and can maintain his unbeaten record. Vax Star, second to Dazzle in the Windsor Castle, duly followed up at the expense of the well-regarded Compton Place at Sandown and looks the main danger.

Richard Evans

## THIRSK

THUNDERER

2.00 Benzoe. 2.30 Bold African. 3.00 Trilby. 3.30 Royal Result. 4.05 Irish Fiction. 4.35 Backhander.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

### 2.00 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP

(£3,873: 6f) (9 runners)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0332 | BENZOE 7 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-10-0 | J Fortune 6 |
| 2 | 6400 | HERE COMES A STAR 7 (CD,F,G) J Carr 8-9-11 | A Culhane 4 |
| 3 | 1314 | CHEEKY CHAPPY 1 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-8 (7ex) | L Charnock 2 |
| 4 | 4110 | DAAWE 20 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 5-9-5 | N Carlisle 7 |
| 5 | 6506 | PLAYMAKER 7 (S) D Nicholls 3-9-4 | Alex Greaves 8 |
| *6* | *1285* | *SENSE OF PRIORITY 14 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-9-0* | Dale Gibson 3 |
| 7 | -0244 | FORMIDABLE LIZ 11 (CD,BF,F) M Hammond 6-8-9 | R Cochrane 5 |
| 8 | 6150 | KIRA 94 (D,G) J Eyre 6-8-9 | N Varley (3) 9 |
| 9 | 6440 | FEATHERSTONE LANE 24 (V,F,G) Miss L Siddall 5-7-13 | T Williams 1 |

5-2 Benzoe, 3-1 Cheeky Chappy, 4-1 Daawe, 7-1 Playmaker, 8-1 Here Comes A Star, 12-1 Kira.

### 2.30 LEWIS GEIPEL MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £3,625: 5f) (9)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3134 | BURKES MANOR 13 (D,F) T Barron 9-7 | J Fortune 2 |
| 2 | 3515 | DIVIDE AND RULE 9 (D,F) R Hollinshead 9-3 | F Lynch (3) 1 |
| 3 | 253 | SWISS COAST 17 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 9-2 | R Cochrane 3 |
| 4 | 0421 | BALLYMOTE 16 (D,F) J Berry 8-13 | G Carter 5 |
| 5 | 2301 | BOLD AFRICAN 14 (B,D,F) P Evans 8-9 | A Culhane 9 |
| 6 | 030 | MELBOURNE PRINCESS 22 R Whitaker 8-6 | D McKeown 6 |
| 7 | 6412 | UNDER PRESSURE 11 (D,G) T Easterby 8-7 | M Birch 4 |
| 8 | 3002 | ANTARES 11 N Tinkler 8-3 | Kim Tinkler 7 |
| 9 | 6584 | FINE TIMES 15 C Fairhurst 7-11 | Dale Gibson 8 |

7-4 Ballymote, 5-1 Burkes Manor, Swiss Coast, 7-1 Under Pressure, 8-1 Divide And Rule, Bold African, Antares, 10-1 others.

### 3.00 PETER BELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP

(3-Y-O fillies: £3,188: 1m 4f) (9)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 5532 | TRILBY 13 P Cole 9-7 | R Cochrane 5 |
| 2 | 0-55 | ALISURA 29 J Fanshawe 9-5 | N Varley (3) 2 |
| 3 | 0210 | DAIRA 44 (D,G) J Bethell 9-4 | S Drowne (3) 3 |
| 4 | 5230 | CARMOSA 48 D Nicholls 8-13 | Alex Greaves 7 |
| 5 | 0-00 | SNOWPOLES 33 Mrs J Cecil 8-10 | G Carter 8 |
| 6 | 0-43 | FIONA SHANN 27 J Dunlop 8-9 | J Fortune 6 |
| 7 | 5364 | SHIP'S DANCER 11 E Incisa 8-9 | Kim Tinkler 4 |
| 8 | -024 | TIME FOR A GLASS 18 D Moffatt 7-10 | Darren Moffatt (3) 9 |
| 9 | -006 | LA FANDANGO 7 M W Easterby 7-10 | Dale Gibson 1 |

2-1 Trilby, 9-2 Fiona Shann, 5-1 Daira, Carmosa, 7-1 Alisura, 8-1 Snowpoles, Time For A Glass, 10-1 others.

### 3.30 GROSVENOR CASINOS MAIDEN STAKES

(£4,107: 1m) (8)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | RASIN CHARGE R Craggs 5-9-5 | D McKeown 4 |
| 2 | | HILL HOUSE TEACHER M Bielby 4-9-0 | T Williams 6 |
| 3 | 5 | ALRAYYIH 58 J Gosden 3-8-12 | A McGlone 7 |
| 4 | 5 | MYSTICAL MIND 7 D Nicholls 3-8-12 | Alex Greaves 8 |
| 5 | 00 | ROAD RACER 25 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-12 | M Kennedy 1 |
| 6 | 052 | ROYAL RESULT 8 M Stoute 3-8-12 | R Cochrane 5 |
| 7 | | VANADIUM ORE J Eyre 3-8-12 | J Fortune 3 |
| 8 | 60 | MEADOW BLUE 15 Miss L Siddall 3-8-7 | G Carter 2 |

4-7 Royal Result, 2-1 Alrayyih, 8-1 Road Racer, 14-1 Mystical Mind, 16-1 Vanadium Ore, Meadow Blue, 20-1 others.

### 4.05 GOLDEN FLEECE CLAIMING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,828: 7f) (10)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 05 | SCARROTS 18 S Williams 8-13 | J Tate 9 |
| 2 | 256 | JIB JAB 7 D Nicholls 8-11 | Alex Greaves 7 |
| 3 | 053 | SANDBAGGEDAGAIN 11 M W Easterby 8-11 | Dale Gibson 6 |
| 4 | 5500 | CLASSIC PARTYGOER 78 M W Easterby 8-9 | M Birch 2 |
| 5 | 2120 | IRISH FICTION 7 (D,F) D Cosgrove 8-9 | M Rimmer 4 |
| 6 | | PIRATE'S GIRL M Prescott 8-6 | C Nutter 10 |
| 7 | 00 | POIGNANT 11 M Channon 8-5 | A Mackay 8 |
| 8 | 1543 | DASHING ROCKSVILLE 8 (B) M Channon 8-4 | J Fortune 5 |
| 9 | 0363 | SOVIET LADY 18 J Eyre 8-0 | T Williams 3 |
| 10 | 4461 | SWEEPING STATEMENT 14 (D,F) J Berry 7-13 | G Carter 1 |

9-4 Dashing Rocksville, 9-2 Pirate's Girl, 5-1 Sweeping Statement, Irish Fiction, 6-1 Soviet Lady, 8-1 Jib Jab, 10-1 Sandbaggedagain, 12-1 others.

### 4.35 COWESBY APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP

(£2,596: 7f) (8)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0234 | TIME OF NIGHT 22 R Guest 3-10-0 | C Scudder 8 |
| 2 | 0424 | LUCKY REVENGE 7 M Meade 3-9-8 | Claire Angell (5) 4 |
| 3 | 620- | ARC OF THE DIVER 310 J Berry 3-9-1 | G Mills (5) 6 |
| 4 | 0000 | GOOL LEE SHAY 7 R Whitaker 3-9-1 | P Fredericks 3 |
| 5 | 4405 | BACKHANDER 13 M Wane 4-8-13 | G Wright (5) 1 |
| 6 | 0-06 | CLUED UP 18 (B) P Evans 3-8-2 | T Finn 2 |
| 7 | 0020 | SIS GARDEN 7 (B,BF) T Easterby 3-8-2 | S Crawford (5) 6 |
| 8 | 0404 | FISIOSTAR 4 (B) M Dods 3-7-10 | C Lowther 7 |

5-2 Time Of Night, 3-1 Lucky Revenge, 4-1 Backhander, 9-2 Fisiostar, 5-1 Sis Garden, 10-1 Arc Of The Diver, 12-1 others.

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; J Dunlop, 13 from 35, 37.1%; M Prescott, 10 from 32, 31.3%; J Fanshawe, 6 from 20, 30.0%; M Stoute, 8 from 33, 24.2%; J Gosden, 5 from 21, 23.8%; *Mrs J Ramsden, 8 from 58, 13.8%; D Nicholls, 7 from 57,* 12.3%.

JOCKEYS: D McKeown, 14 winners from 105 rides, 13.3%; G Carter, 8 from 60, 13.3%; A McGlone, 4 from 31, 12.9%; Alex Greaves, 7 from 63, 11.1%; J Fortune, 14 from 132, 10.6%. Only qualifiers.

## Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 6.30 Taufan Boy. BANGOR: 3.10 Balmoral Princess, Friendly Dreams, Four Weddings. GOODWOOD: 2.15 Caricature, School Boy, 5.35 Hinton Rock. NEWMARKET: 6.15 Crystal Fast, 6.40 Mukeed. THIRSK: 4.35 Clued Up.

## BANGOR

THUNDERER

3.10 She's Simply Great. 3.40 Sticky Money. 4.15 Green's Seago. 4.45 Blue Raven. 5.20 Arctic Life. 5.50 Million Dancer.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

### 3.10 MFM AND MARCHER GOLD JUVENILE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

(£2,234: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | FOUR WEDDINGS 22F (B) M Pipe 11-12 | D Bridgwater |
| 2 | SHE'S SIMPLY GREAT 14F J J O'Neill 11-4 | R McGrath (5) |
| 3 | ALL IN GOOD TIME 4F C Thornton 11-0 | M Foster |
| 4 | SONG FOR JESS 15F F Jordan 10-9 | R Greene |
| 5 | BALMORAL PRINCESS 18F (B) J Peacock 10-6 | R Bellamy |
| 6 | FRIENDLY DREAMS 13F (B) P Dalton 10-0 | T Eley |
| 7 | IMAGE MAKER 22F B Preece 10-0 | D Finnegan (7) |
| *8* | *INCA BIRD 9F T Wall 10-0* | *R Massey (3)* |
| 9 | MY KIND 9F N Tinkler 10-0 | J Osborne |

5-4 Four Weddings, 7-2 She's Simply Great, 9-2 All In Good Time, 6-1 My Kind, 8-1 Song For Jess, 20-1 Image Maker, 25-1 others.

### 3.40 CHRONICLE NEWSPAPERS NOVICES CHASE

(£3,518: 3m 110yd) (5)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | -531 | MANOR RHYME 30 (G) J McConnochie 9-11-6 | B Powell |
| 2 | 2-61 | STICKY MONEY 12 (D,F,S) M Pipe 8-11-1 | D Bridgwater |
| 3 | 0-52 | PHARRAGO 15 (S) D Burchell 7-11-0 | D J Burchell |
| 4 | -0PF | PRIESTHILL 12 D Williams 7-11-0 | Miss S Higgins (7) |
| 5 | -303 | SCRABO VIEW 20 (F,G,S) P Beaumont 8-11-0 | R Supple |

8-11 Sticky Money, 11-4 Manor Rhyme, 6-1 Pharrago, 7-1 Scrabo View, 20-1 Priesthill.

### 4.15 NEW SEASON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,952: 2m 1f) (6)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2-46 | FORGETFUL 15 (BF,F,G) D Burchell 7-12-0 | J Prior (7) |
| 2 | 211- | PETER MONAMY 56F (D,F,G) M Pipe 4-11-8 | D Walsh |
| 3 | 200- | GREEN'S SEAGO 74 (F,G) G Richards 8-10-0 | J Cullaty |
| 4 | 040- | OUR MICA 260 L Barratt 6-10-0 | D J Kavanagh (3) |
| 5 | /6P | PIMSBOY 30 (V) G Oldroyd 9-10-0 | G Cahill |
| 6 | P00- | CULRAIN 62 T Caldwell 5-10-0 | B Fenton |

*1-2 Peter Monamy, 3-1 Green's Seago, 6-1 Forgetful, 16-1 Our Mica, 33-1* Pimsboy, 50-1 Culrain.

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 23 winners from 86 runners, 26.7%; M Pipe, *15 from 58, 25.9%; D Burchell, 4 from 17, 23.5%; P Hobbs, 3 from* 13, 23.1%; J Jenkins, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Miss H Knight, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: D J Burchell, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; A P McCoy, 3 from 13, 23.1%; D Bridgwater, 11 from 57, 19.3%; A Dobbin, 5 from 27, 18.5%; W Marston, 7 from 38, 18.4%; B Harding, 6 from 33, 18.2%.

### 4.45 WREXHAM LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,723: 2m 4f) (7)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 551- | DANCING DOVE 67 (D,F,G) G Richards 8-12-0 | A Dobbin |
| *2* | *12P-* | *DIAMOND CUT 20F (C,F,G) M Pipe 8-11-13* | *D Bridgwater* |
| 3 | U-06 | BATTY'S ISLAND 10 (C,D,F,G,S) B Preece 7-10-12 | D Finnegan (7) |
| 4 | 6-64 | KING'S SHILLING 10 (C,F,G,S) H Oliver 9-10-8 | J Culloty (3) |
| 5 | 50-3 | BLUE RAVEN 55 (F) P Hobbs 5-10-3 | A P McCoy |
| 6 | 6-04 | FIRST CRACK 15 (D,F,G,S) F Jordan 11-10-0 | S Wynne |
| 7 | 03-4 | PLAYFUL JULIET 27F (G,S) A Bailey 8-10-0 | T Kent |

2-1 Dancing Dove, 5-2 Blue Raven, 3-1 Diamond Cut, 6-1 First Crack, Batty's Island, 10-1 King's Shilling, 25-1 Playful Juliet.

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| 2 | 22-4 | FOREST FEATHER 2 (B,G) C Weedon 8-11-1 | M Richards |
| 3 | 15-P | POND HOUSE 6 (F) M Pipe 7-10-12 | D Bridgwater |
| 4 | 2/P | NORTHERN NATION 41 (G) W Clay 8-10-12 | R Johnson |
| 5 | 0-UU | GEORGE LANE 15 (F) F Jordan 8-10-0 | R Greene |
| 6 | P35- | MINERS REST 83P P Hobbs 8-10-0 | A P McCoy |
| 7 | 45-0 | WARNER FORPLEASURE 15 (B,F,G) D McCain 10-10-0 | B Harding |

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| 4 | 0 | ADMIRAL'S GUEST 23 W Clay 4-10-9 | T Eley |
| 5 | P0- | INTEABADUN 76 A Bailey 4-10-9 | S Wynne |
| 6 | 4-53 | LANCER 14 (BF) R Juckes 4-10-9 | W Marston |
| 7 | 0-40 | SEVEN WELLS 34 J Peacock 4-10-9 | R Greene |
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CRICKET

# Hayhurst at end of road as Somerset take action

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

*TAUNTON (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Somerset have scored 412 for six wickets against Hampshire*

COUNTIES too often duck the tough decisions, but Somerset went to the opposite extreme yesterday, making political intrigue out of a sensitive yet straightforward selection issue. Andy Hayhurst, the club captain, was stood down from the side an hour before the start against Hampshire. He may not play at this level again.

The official reason for Hayhurst's demotion is his form which, with only two championship scores above 15 this summer has, unarguably, been dire. Suspicions both in the dressing-room and around the Taunton ground, however, ran far deeper and the handling of the matter seemed needlessly heavy. Hayhurst may be under pressure to resign the captaincy but, last night, he stressed he had no intention of doing so.

To add to the drama, his late replacement in the side, Marcus Trescothick, responded with 178, the highest score of his career. It was an impressive piece of batting by a young man who should have been given a regular place this season. The fact that he has not, within a team selected by Hayhurst and Peter Bowler but not by the director of cricket, Bob Cottam, undoubtedly helped to bring the leadership issue to a head.

Hayhurst was called in for an early morning meeting with Brian Rose, once the county captain and now their chairman of cricket. It was his decision to omit Hayhurst and, while insisting that the NatWest Trophy defeat at the Oval on Wednesday had no bearing, he did not pretend it had been easy.

"It was a big shock to Andy and I feel very sad for him," Rose said. "We all have to make some tough decisions and I wish I didn't have to do this, but I honestly believe it is in the long-term interests of the club."

The long-term future of Hayhurst is unclear but, by applying for the vacancy as cricket secretary of Lancashire last winter, he was tacitly admitting that his playing days are almost over. He has made only 224 runs this season, averaging 18.66, and he will play in the second XI as from Monday. He seems certain to be replaced as captain, though whether it is by Bowler, who took over yesterday, remains to be seen.

"This has all been done in a rush and we must live with the decision for a while to see how it pans out," Rose said. "We gave more selection responsibility to the captain and vice-captain this year and whether that is the right system, I don't know. From now on, we need to get the youngsters performing well."

In part, this was achieved at a stroke. Restored to the opening role he enjoys, Trescothick batted for five hours, hitting 32 fours in a poised and attractive innings. It is three years since his debut but he is still only 20 and Somerset must back him with a long run in the side.

Hampshire, fielding a raw attack still missing Connor and Benjamin, were donated two early successes by rash strokes, one of which cost Bowler his wicket before he had scored. But a green pitch, preferred by Bowler to the groundsman's original choice, offered little assistance on a day of batting domination.

Trescothick, playing only his sixth championship game of the summer, added 154 for the third wicket with Harden and 51 for the fourth with Parsons. He played a full range of shots and, when the ball began to turn, for Udal, he demonstrated the soft-handed timing that brought him to the county's attention.

For once, Shane Lee was overshadowed, making only 26 before being caught on the boundary, but by the time Trescothick was caught at slip Somerset were in firm control. Turner and Rose, with a rapid half-century, took them past 400 and they are well placed to follow up their win over Yorkshire last week.

Hayhurst: dire form

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GAVIN FOGG

Wells forces the ball through the leg side during his double century against Northamptonshire yesterday

## Leaders aided by rising Wells

By Ivo Tennant

*LEICESTER (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 364 for seven wickets against Northamptonshire*

WHEN Vince Wells scores a century, it is invariably a large one. In three consecutive matches this season he made 200, 201 and 197, two of these innings in the championship, one in the NatWest Trophy, and all of them compiled with the authority of one whose standing in the game rises inexorably. Yesterday he struck an unbeaten, career-best 202, which was of inestimable worth to the joint championship leaders.

For Leicestershire had been put in on a pitch the hue of lime green and, Simmons apart, possessed nobody else capable of mastering the Northamptonshire attack. In the course of his innings, Wells reached 1,000 runs for the season for the first time in his career. He exemplifies the adage that an English batsman does not reach maturity until he is 30.

He and Simmons, who made 261 in his only previous innings against Northamptonshire, put on 152 in 38 overs. The decision to field, taken by Fordham in Bailey's absence, was an understandable one. Yet the pitches here, as at Northampton and Derby, are not always all they look. Ambrose was unable to gain much life or movement. Only Curran, who took the first two wickets, bowled with any zip.

Ambrose, who fields at first slip these days, held two low catches with a nonchalance that belied his awkward height. The second was to account for Macmillan, one of two wickets Snape took in his first over, which was rather later in the day than he might have envisaged. Emburey remains the first-choice spinner and might yet do so for some while.

There was little help for either of them. Their concern, at this stage, was to contain Wells, who collected his runs efficiently all round the wicket. Not a great many of his strokes remain in the mind's eye, but that could be said of several good batsmen. Wells reached his double century in the closing overs, having struck 30 fours and a six off 292 balls and preserved his wicket for the morrow.

## Hartley comes to Yorkshire's aid

By Simon Wilde

*EASTBOURNE (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Yorkshire*

A RAMPAGING eighth-wicket partnership of 151 in 93 minutes between Richard Blakey and Peter Hartley, both of whom made their best scores of the season, pulled Yorkshire out of trouble at the Saffrons yesterday with all the resourcefulness of aspiring championship winners. Hartley added gilt to the lily by removing Hall and Lewry, the nightwatchman, as Sussex stumbled to 33 for two by the close.

Hartley, who has not allowed his benefit to prevent him making several important contributions on the field, top-scored in Yorkshire's total of 345 with a bright and breezy 89 that occupied only 76 balls and contained two sixes and 16 fours. Coming as it did after Yorkshire had crept uncertainly to 150 for seven, it was an innings that changed the chemistry of the day.

Among the suffering bowlers was Ed Giddins, finally named yesterday as the Sussex player who had failed a random drugs test two months ago. In identifying Giddins, the Test and County Cricket Board charged him with using a prohibited substance and bringing the game into disrepute. He will face the board's full disciplinary committee on August 19. He remains free to play county cricket in the meantime.

Giddins was hoicked unceremoniously over mid-wicket for six by Hartley, who also drove Law over the long-on boundary during his third half-century of the season batting at No 9. Blakey was more subdued than his partner in what was Yorkshire's highest ninth-wicket stand since 1935, but not much. He hit one six and 12 in his unbeaten 80 which lasted 114 balls.

Under this fierce assault, the Sussex bowlers, previously disciplined, lost their length and some of their spice. During the morning, admittedly under heavy cloud cover, they made the ball swing and had Yorkshire on the rack. Vaughan, Byas and Moxon were all bowled, although they might not have been had they been on the front foot.

Bevan, given an early reprieve by Speight in the gully, briefly threatened to bludgeon his side out of trouble before he was dismissed in peculiar circumstances. In attempting a pull against Giddins, he was struck by the ball on the chin, and under the initial impact kicked his stumps.

McGrath and White began the rebuilding with a careful stand of 90 before Drakes, whose final figures of five for 99 were his best for Sussex, removed both during a spell of three wickets in 11 balls.

## Departure of Carr new blow to Middlesex

By Pat Gibson

*LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wicket in hand, are 232 runs behind Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX, who were already going through a difficult period of transition, suffered another setback yesterday when John Carr announced that he is to retire to take up a new position as cricket operations manager with the Test and County Cricket Board.

How big a loss that will be was immediately emphasised when Carr, captaining the side while Mike Gatting recovers from knee surgery, had to call on all his operational skills to engineer a recovery after Middlesex had lost their first two wickets without a run on the board against a resurgent Essex, who are beginning to make the championship pacesetters look over their shoulders.

He made a pretty good job of it. Pooley emerged from his lean spell to join Carr in a third-wicket partnership of 106 and then Brown demonstrated his fighting qualities once more by batting through 40 overs for an unbeaten 64, inspiring enough resistance from a lengthy tail for Middlesex to reach 264.

Carr, 33, whose father, Donald, was the first TCCB secretary, will become head of their cricket department on October 1, effectively replacing Tim Lamb on his promotion to chief executive.

Middlesex's present fragility was quickly exposed when Ilott's early swing did for Weekes and Ramprakash in his first two overs. Fortunately, Pooley revealed signs of returning form with seven fours in his 50 and Carr showed that he is still fiercely committed to the cause by surviving two difficult chances to make 66, including 11 fours, in three hours.

Both of them fell to catches at second slip by Gooch and Middlesex were slipping back into trouble when Wellings missed a hook against Ilott and had to retire with a cut above the left eye which needed a couple of stitches.

Brown, however, spent long enough in the boxing ring before deciding to concentrate on a career in cricket not to be deterred by things like that and Wellings returned to prove that he had not lost his nerve.

## Hick steals Kent's thunder with style

By Jack Bailey

*CANTERBURY (first day of four, Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 311 for six wickets*

IT WAS Ladies Day at Canterbury. So what with all the ladies in those lovely hats, a phalanx of distinguished visitors — spearheaded by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the former Archbishop of Canterbury — and Kent, unbeaten in the championship, it would have been difficult for anyone unconnected with the county to steal the scene.

Graeme Hick, though, accomplished it with some ease. Emerging from the slough of despond that was for him the Lord's Test, Hick showed how well he is suited to the county game. Steadily, surely and sometimes brutally, he moved on to 148 before being run out. After McCague had missed him on 16, from a difficult chance off his own bowling, no other form of dismissal seemed likely. At ease with all the bowling, he made his century from 150 balls during three hours and 20 minutes.

That Hick was comfortable with himself was made glaringly apparent following his own escape. Headley tested him with two bouncers. Both were pulled with great power, through mid-wicket. No more attempted bouncers: instead, Kent settled for pegging back Worcestershire, chipping away after Hick and Spiring had put on 160 for the fourth wicket. But, after Hick, Kent would have settled happily for removing six batsmen before close of play.

## England kept afloat by buoyant Sales

By Rupert Cox

*OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; England Under-19 won toss): England Under-19 have scored 203 for six wickets against New Zealand Under-19*

THERE will have been some anxiety in the England Under-19 ranks at tea yesterday, before a fifth-wicket stand of 101 between Ben Hollioake and David Sales restored some parity in the first NatWest under-19 Test match. The home team, led by Gareth Batty in the absence of Alex Morris, appeared to have won an important toss, but declined to 103 for four after 34 overs in a match disrupted by rain.

David Roberts and Ed Smith gave England Under-19s a largely untroubled foundation, but the advent of Daniel Vettori's slow left-arm spin, in only the seventeenth over, slowed progress, illustrating that spin will play a key role in this match. Exploiting the worn surface, Vettori consistently beat the bat.

With David Lloyd, the England coach, watching, Hollioake and Sales repaired the damage in composed style. After his notable first-class debut, Sales needed TCCB intervention to ensure his participation in this match, but yesterday he was obliged to play with caution, reaching his fifty in 111 balls.

## DeFreitas haul causes misery for Gloucester

By Geoffrey Wheeler

PHILLIP DEFREITAS captured five wickets in an innings for the first time this season as Derbyshire, still very much in the championship hunt, took control against Gloucestershire at Derby yesterday.

Only Matthew Windows, with 76, offered lengthy resistance as Gloucestershire were bowled out for 217, which increased their miserable tally of batting points to 14 in 11 games. With Windows punishing a wayward Dominic Cork, they reached 114 for three before DeFreitas caused a rapid decline in their fortunes.

After losing two early wickets to Courtney Walsh, Derbyshire recovered through a partnership of 96 between Kim Barnett and Dean Jones and, at 166 for four, are 51 behind.

Ashley Metcalfe is within nine runs of his first championship century for Nottinghamshire at Worksop, where Glamorgan restricted them to 268 for five. The former Yorkshire player has so far hit 14 fours and a six.

Chris Lewis, who is hoping to prove his fitness to the England selectors while captaining Surrey against South Africa A at the Oval, was upstaged by Mark Patterson, an Irish player on trial who took six for 80 as the touring side were dismissed for 379.

## YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

### Britannic Assurance county championship

### Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

*DERBY (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Derbyshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 51 runs behind Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| N J Trainor lbw b Malcolm | 0 |
| M G N Windows c Krikken b DeFreitas | 78 |
| T H C Hancock b Dean | 27 |
| M A Lynch lbw b Dean | 1 |
| M W Alleyne c Cork b Malcolm | 25 |
| A Symonds c Krikken b DeFreitas | 10 |
| †R C Russell c Krikken b DeFreitas | 15 |
| R P Davis c Krikken b DeFreitas | 16 |
| A M Smith c Adams b Cork | 1 |
| J Lewis c Jones b DeFreitas | 11 |
| *C A Walsh not out | 17 |
| Extras (lb 6, nb 12) | 18 |
| Total (86 overs) | 217 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-61, 4-114, 5-129, 6-162, 7-181, 8-182, 9-194.

BOWLING: Malcolm 13-3-38-2, Cork 17-2-72-1, DeFreitas 26-10-72-5, Dean 10-2-29-2

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| K J Barnett lbw b Alleyne | 65 |
| A S Rollins c Russell b Walsh | 0 |
| C J Adams b Walsh | 15 |
| *D M Jones not out | 38 |
| T J G O'Gorman b Symonds | 21 |
| D G Cork not out | 1 |
| Extras (b 8, lb 4, nb 14) | 26 |
| Total (4 wkts, 37 overs) | 166 |

C M Wells, P A J DeFreitas, †K M Krikken, D E Malcolm and K J Dean to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-29, 3-125, 4-155

BOWLING: Walsh 13-3-63-2, Smith 7-0-33-0, Alleyne 9-2-27-1; Lewis 6-2-20-0, Symonds 2-0-11-1.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4 Gloucestershire 2.

Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp

### Kent v Worcestershire

*CANTERBURY (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 311 for six wickets against Kent*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| T S Curtis c Fulton b McCague | 6 |
| W P C Weston c Hooper b Headley | 19 |
| G A Hick run out | 148 |
| *T M Moody c Fulton b Ealham | 11 |
| K R Spiring b Ealham | 71 |
| V S Solanki c Fulton b Patel | 1 |
| †S J Rhodes not out | 12 |
| S R Lampitt not out | 16 |
| Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 18) | 27 |
| Total (6 wkts, 104 overs) | 311 |

S W K Ellis, R K Illingworth and A Sheriyar to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-59, 3-106, 4-266, 5-278, 6-284.

BOWLING: McCague 21-2-71-1, Headley 25-3-94-1, Ealham 20-8-38-2; Fleming 6-1-16-0; Patel 28-6-63-1; Hooper 3-1-12-0; Llong 1-0-8-0.

KENT: T R Ward, D P Fulton, N J Llong, *C L Hooper, M V Fleming, M A Ealham, M J Walker, †S C Willis, D W Headley, M J McCague, M M Patel.

Bonus points: Kent 2 Worcestershire 3

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder.

### Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

*LEICESTER (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 364 for seven wickets against Northamptonshire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| V J Wells not out | 202 |
| D L Maddy c Ambrose b Curran | 23 |
| B F Smith c Ripley b Curran | 9 |
| A Habib c Curran b Ambrose | 19 |
| *P V Simmons b Snape | 75 |
| G I Macmillan c Ambrose b Snape | 2 |
| †P A Nixon c Fordham b Emburey | 18 |
| G J Parsons lbw b Snape | 5 |
| A R K Pierson not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 10, w 1) | 11 |
| Total (7 wkts, 104 overs) | 364 |

M T Brimson and A D Mullally to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-96, 3-137, 4-289, 5-291, 6-348, 7-361

BOWLING: Ambrose 17-6-35-1; Taylor 15-1-66-0; Curran 12-1-60-2; Capel 10-2-45-0, Emburey 21-3-57-1; Penberthy 14-3-33-0; Walton 3-0-16-0; Snape 12-0-42-3.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: *A Fordham, J N Snape, T C Walton, K M Curran, D J Capel, M B Loye, A L Penberthy, J E Emburey, †D Ripley, J P Taylor, C E L Ambrose.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4 Northamptonshire 3.

Umpires: R Julian and J D Bond

### Middlesex v Essex

*LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 232 runs behind Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| P N Weekes c Rollins b Ilott | 0 |
| J C Pooley c Gooch b Irani | 50 |
| M R Ramprakash lbw b Ilott | 0 |
| *J D Carr c Gooch b Cowan | 66 |
| P E Wellings c Grayson b Williams | 19 |
| †K R Brown not out | 64 |
| J P Hewitt c Law b Cowan | 27 |
| R L Johnson c Rollins b Cowan | 5 |
| R A Fay c Such b Cowan | 2 |
| A R C Fraser c Prichard b Ilott | 3 |
| P C R Tufnell c Such b Ilott | 6 |
| Extras (lb 6, nb 16) | 22 |
| Total (94.4 overs) | 264 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-106, 4-136, 5-184, 6-212, 7-234, 8-242, 9-258

BOWLING: Ilott 22.4-11-47-4, Williams 20-4-78-1, Irani 15-5-34-1, Cowan 21-2-76-4, Law 14-9-14-0, Such 2-0-9-0

ESSEX: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| G A Gooch not out | 11 |
| A P Grayson not out | 15 |
| Extras (lb 4, nb 2) | 6 |
| Total (no wkt, 8 overs) | 32 |

A P Cowan, N Hussain, S G Law, *P J Prichard, R C Irani, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, N F Williams and P M Such to bat

BOWLING: Fraser 4-0-13-0, Johnson 4-0-15-0

Bonus points: Middlesex 2 Essex 4

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

### Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

*WORKSOP (first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 268 for five wickets against Glamorgan*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| P R Pollard b Watkin | 34 |
| R T Robinson c Maynard b Watkin | 43 |
| †W M Noon c Metson b Croft | 26 |
| A A Metcalfe not out | 91 |
| *P Johnson lbw b Gibson | 7 |
| C L Cairns b Gibson | 38 |
| M N Bowen not out | 7 |
| Extras (lb 13, nb 9) | 22 |
| Total (5 wkts, 101 overs) | 268 |

G W Mike, K P Evans, R T Bates and J A Afford to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-97, 3-132, 4-162, 5-259

BOWLING: Watkin 22-11-48-2, Gibson 23-8-62-2, Croft 25-12-50-1, Butcher 13-1-56-0, Kendrick 18-7-41-0

GLAMORGAN: S P James, H Morris, A W Evans, *M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, O D Gibson, R D B Croft, N M Kendrick, †C P Metson, S L Watkin

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 2 Glamorgan 2

Umpires: B Dudleston and K J Lyons

### Somerset v Hampshire

*TAUNTON (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Somerset have scored 412 for six wickets against Hampshire*

SOMERSET: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| M N Lathwell c Aymes b Bovill | 13 |
| M E Trescothick c Keech b Bovill | 178 |
| *P D Bowler c Aymes b Milburn | 0 |
| R J Harden c Keech b Udal | 54 |
| K A Parsons c Aymes b Stephenson | 30 |
| S Lee c Kendall b Stephenson | 26 |
| †R J Turner not out | 29 |
| G D Rose not out | 55 |
| Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2, nb 18) | 27 |
| Total (6 wkts, 104 overs) | 412 |

A R Caddick, J D Batty and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-39, 3-193, 4-244, 5-310, 6-324

BOWLING: Bovill 23-4-101-2; Milburn 20-1-82-1; James 19-1-78-0; Stephenson 17-1-78-2; Udal 23-6-63-1; Laney 2-0-3-0.

HAMPSHIRE: J S Laney, *J P Stephenson, K D James, R A Smith, V P Terry, M Keech, †A N Aymes, W S Kendall, S D Udal, J N B Bovill, S M Milburn.

Bonus points: Somerset 4 Hampshire 2.

Umpires: A A Jones and M J Kitchen.

### Sussex v Yorkshire

*EASTBOURNE (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| M D Moxon b Lewry | 2 |
| M P Vaughan b Lewry | 1 |
| *D Byas b Drakes | 5 |
| M G Bevan hit wicket b Giddins | 24 |
| A McGrath c Salisbury b Drakes | 41 |
| C White c Speight b Drakes | 47 |
| †R J Blakey not out | 80 |
| D Gough lbw b Drakes | 4 |
| P J Hartley c Speight b Drakes | 89 |
| C E W Silverwood b Salisbury | 12 |
| R D Stemp b Giddins | 5 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 1, nb 21) | 35 |
| Total (89 overs) | 345 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-12, 3-22, 4-55, 5-145, 6-146, 7-150, 8-301, 9-327.

BOWLING: Lewry 17-4-54-2; Drakes 27-5-99-5; Giddins 19-2-76-2; Law 9-0-61-0, Salisbury 17-11-42-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| C W J Athey not out | 13 |
| J W Hall c Stemp b Hartley | 6 |
| J D Lewry lbw b Hartley | 13 |
| Extras (lb 1) | 1 |
| Total (2 wkts, 12.2 overs) | 33 |

*A P Wells, K Greenfield, M P Speight, D R Law, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, V C Drakes and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-33

BOWLING: Gough 4-1-4-0; Silverwood 6-2-23-0; Hartley 2.2-0-5-2.

Bonus points: Sussex 4 Yorkshire 3.

Umpires: V A Holder and T E Jesty.

### Tour matches

### Scotland v Pakistanis

*EDINBURGH (Scotland won toss): the Pakistanis beat Scotland by 108 runs*

PAKISTANIS

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| Shahid Anwer b Williamson | 23 |
| Shadab Kabir c Patterson b Thomson | 135 |
| Saeed Anwar b Williamson | 9 |
| *Ijaz Ahmed c Stanger b Sheridan | 25 |
| Asif Mujtaba not out | 63 |
| †Moin Khan c Stanger b Williamson | 3 |
| Mushtaq Ahmed not out | 4 |
| Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 12) | 24 |
| Total (5 wkts, 50 overs) | 286 |

Saqlain Mushtaq, Ata-ur-Rehman, Mohammed Akram and Shahid Nazir did not bat.

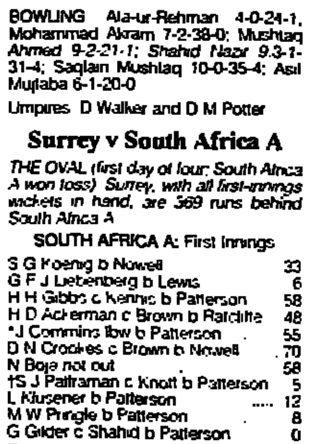
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-81, 3-144, 4-262, 5-281.

BOWLING: Thomson 10-1-49-1; Stanger 7-0-48-0; Gourlay 10-1-52-0; Williamson 10-0-51-3; Reifer 3-0-21-0, Sheridan 10-0-60-1.

SCOTLAND

| | |
|---|---|
| I L Philip lbw b Nazir | 50 |
| B G Lockie c Asif b Ata-ur-Rehman | 0 |
| G N Reifer lbw b Nazir | 19 |
| B M W Patterson c Moin b Saqlain | 27 |
| *G Salmond c Shahid b Saqlain | 27 |
| J G Williamson c Mushtaq b Saqlain | 6 |
| I M Stanger st Moin b Saqlain | 1 |
| †A G Davies lbw b Mushtaq | 10 |
| S Gourlay c Asif b Shahid | 3 |
| K L P Sheridan b Shahid | 6 |
| K Thomson not out | 0 |
| Extras (b 3, lb 6, w 8, nb 12) | 29 |
| Total (45.3 overs) | 178 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-80, 3-94, 4-144, 5-146, 6-155, 7-158, 8-170, 9-175



Hick: century against Kent

BOWLING: Ata-ur-Rehman 4-0-24-1, Mohammad Akram 7-2-38-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 9-2-21-1; Shahid Nazir 9.3-1-31-4; Saqlain Mushtaq 10-0-35-4; Asif Mujtaba 6-1-20-0

Umpires: D Walker and D M Potter

### Surrey v South Africa A

*THE OVAL (first day of four; South Africa A won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 369 runs behind South Africa A*

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| S G Koenig b Nowell | 33 |
| G F J Liebenberg b Lewis | 6 |
| H H Gibbs c Kennis b Patterson | 58 |
| H D Ackerman c Brown b Ratcliffe | 48 |
| *J Commins lbw b Patterson | 55 |
| D N Crookes c Brown b Nowell | 70 |
| N Boje not out | 58 |
| †S J Palframan c Knott b Patterson | 5 |
| L Klusener b Patterson | 12 |
| M W Pringle b Patterson | 8 |
| G Gilder c Shahid b Patterson | 0 |
| Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 2, nb 16) | 26 |
| Total | 379 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-104, 3-104, 4-187, 5-260, 6-325, 7-349, 8-365, 9-379

BOWLING: Lewis 16-5-46-1, Patterson 17.3-4-80-6, Kenlock 12-2-40-0, Ward 7-2-21-0, Nowell 18-2-76-2; Shahid 4-0-22-0, Ratcliffe 13-4-54-1; Smith 4-0-32-0

SURREY: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| J D Ratcliffe not out | 5 |
| G J Kennis not out | 2 |
| Extras (lb 1, nb 2) | 3 |
| Total (no wkt) | 10 |

N Shahid, A D Brown, A W Smith, I J Ward, *C C Lewis, †J A Knott, R W Nowell, S G Kenlock and M W Patterson to bat

BOWLING: Pringle 3-0-6-0; Gilder 2-1-1-3-0

Umpires: K E Palmer and P Adams

### First Under-19 Test match

### England v New Zealand

*OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; England won toss): England have scored 203 for six wickets against New Zealand*

ENGLAND: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| D J Roberts run out | 22 |
| E T Smith c Walker b McMillan | 28 |
| A J Swann c Walker b Vettori | 19 |
| D J Sales not out | 57 |
| O A Shah c Parlane b Vettori | 13 |
| B C Hollioake c and b Morland | 55 |
| *G J Batty lbw b Morland | 0 |
| †D C Nash not out | 3 |
| Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 2) | 6 |
| Total (6 wkts) | 203 |

D A Cosker, J Ormond and C L Campbell to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-72, 3-72, 4-92, 5-193, 6-193

BOWLING: Sewell 8-1-23-0; Yovich 4-0-25-0; Cunis 9-1-26-0; Vettori 21-7-65-2, McMillan 8-2-14-1; Morland 20-6-46-2

NEW ZEALAND: M D Bell, M D J Walker, M R Parlane, *C D McMillan, J D P Oram, J A Yovich, S J Cunis, †G J Hopkins, D L Vettori, N D Morland, D G Sewell

Umpires: R Palmer and D R Shepherd

IN BRIEF

## Berger agrees Anfield move

PATRIK BERGER, the Czech Republic midfield player, yesterday signed for Liverpool for £3.25 million, but now awaits a work permit as he comes from a country outside the EU.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said: "He's a Liverpool player subject to the medical and obtaining a work permit. He's had the medical but in this day and age there are tests and scans which take time to get a result from and it will be a while before it is all put together and we can say definitely whether he has come through that.

"Also we can't do anything without a work permit. He can't even train or be in the country. The only way he can be here is as a tourist but not a footballer. It is a long drawn out exercise but it is nice to get the player to sign from my point of view."

☐ Liam Brady has returned to Arsenal as head of the club's youth development programme.

## Peace mission

**Rugby union:** England's new proposals for re-entry into the five nations' championship were received by the presidents of the other three home unions yesterday. Fred McLeod, the Scottish RFU president, said: "The individual Unions will be discussing those proposals and will then meet within the next week to consider their collective response. In the meantime, until we have discussed the matter further, it would be inappropriate to comment further."

☐ Saracens, Harlequins and Sale are trying to sign David Campese, the Australia wing, who said: "I've spoken to all three clubs but at the moment I'm undecided. All I know is that I want to play my last couple of years of top level rugby in England."

## Ellis beaten

**Golf:** Matthew Ellis, the warm favourite for the title, and Chris Rees and Stephen Jones, the former winners, were knocked out in the first round of the Welsh Amateur Championship at Ashburnham yesterday.

### Archery

#### Men's individual

THIRD ROUND: M Frangilli (It) bt S Zabrodsky (Ukr) 170-160; J Huish (US) bt Hsieh Sheng-Feng (Taiwan) 169-162; P Vermeiren (Bel) bt S Medved (Slovenia) 161-159; L Torres (Fr) bt J Anchondo (Mex) 159-158; Oh Kyo-moon (S Kor) bt M Grov (Nor) 167-159; Kim Bo-ram (S Kor) bt T Poikolainen (Fin) 162-160; M Petersson (Swe) bt M Bisiani (It) 167-163; Jang Yong-ho (S Kor) bt R Johnson (US) 162-160

### Athletics

#### Women's high jump

QUALIFICATION (1.93m or leading 12 to final): Pool A: equal 1, I Babakova (Ukr), N Bakogianni (Gr), A Bevilacqua (It), Y Gulyayeva (Rus), S Kostadinova (Bul), T Waller (US) and S Zalevskaya (Kaz) all 1.93m; 8, O Bolshova (Mold) 1.93; 9, C Teetsberry (US) 1.90; equal 10, S Caduacn (Switz) and D Marti (GB) 1.85. Pool B: equal 1, A Astafei (Ger), H Haugland (Nor), T Motkova (Rus) and N Zilinskiene (Lith) all 1.93; 5, B Bilac (Slovenia) 1.93; 6, Z Kovacikova (Cz) 1.93; 7, T Khramova (Belo) 1.90; 8, K Bergqvist (Swe) 1.90; 9, L Haggett (GB) 1.90; 10, I Quintero (Cuba) 1.90; equal 11, Y Lyakhova (Rus) and V Styopina (Ukr) 1.85; 13, I Gimnusea (Mold) 1.85, equal 14, A Acuff (US) and A Javad (Slovakia) 1.85.

#### Women's long jump

QUALIFYING (6.70m or leading 12 to final): Qualifiers: Pool A: 1, F May (It) 6.86m; 2, C Ajunwa (Nigeria) 6.81; 3, S Jaklofsky (Hol) 6.75; 4, T Vaszi (Hun) 6.73; 5, I Chekhovtsova (Ukr) 6.70; equal 6, J Joyner-Kersee (US) and A Karczmarek (Pol) 6.70; 8, N Boegman (Aus) 6.67; 9, N Xanthou (Gr) 6.60. Pool B: 1, I Prandzheva (Bul) 6.82; 2, C Brunner (NZ) 6.62; 3, V Patoulidou (Gr) 6.58; 4, F Hyacinth (US Virgin Islands) 6.58. Non-qualifier: 9, D Lewis (GB) 6.33

### Badminton

#### Men's singles

FINAL: P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt Dong Jiong (China) 15-12, 15-10

#### Women's singles

FINAL: Bang Soo-hyun (S Kor) bt M Audina (Indo) 11-6, 11-7.

#### Mixed doubles

FINAL: Gil Young-ah and Kim Dong-moon (S Kor) bt Ra Kyung-min and Park Joo-bong (S Kor) 13-15, 15-4, 15-12

### Basketball

#### Men

CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Fifth to eighth place: Greece 115, China 75, Brazil 80 Croatia 74.

### Canoeing (sprint)

#### Men's 1,000m Canadian singles

SEMI-FINALS (first two in each heat and fastest loser to final): Heat one: 1, I Sabjan (Cro) 4min 13.90sec; 2, V Partnoi (Rom) 4:14.33; 3, A Nielsson (Den) 4:14.57; 4, J Kubica (Slovakia) 4:22.77; 5, K Nagodyayev (Kaz) 4:26.28; 6, G Maxwell (Can) 4:27.72; 7, J Harper (US) 4:39.94. Heat two: 1, I Klementyev (Lat) 4:10.45; 2, P Sylvoz (Fr) 4:11.48; 3, N Bukhalov (Bul) 4:14.41; 4, J M Crespo (Sp) 4:15.93; 5, V Salcutan (Mold) 4:16.63; 6, Y Astanin (Uzb) 4:19.15; 7, S Pereira (Por) 4:31.19.

#### Men's 1,000m Canadian pairs

SEMI-FINALS (first two in each heat and fastest losers to final). Heat one: 1, Canada (S Giles and D Howe) 3:45.07; 2, Bulgaria (M Marinov and B Stoyanov) 3:45.12; 3, Ukraine (O Lytvynenko and O Ihrayev) 3:46.84; 4, Croatia (D Fumtak and I Sabjan) 3:48.67; 5, Poland (T Goliasz and D Koszykowski) 3:48.72; 6, Uzbekistan (V Shayslamov and S Shayslamov) 3:57.03. Heat two: 1 Moldova (N Juravschi and V Reneischi) 3:44.00; 2, Slovakia (C Orosz and P Peles) 3:44.62; 3, Spain (J Bea and O Shelestenko) 3:45.61; 4, Kazakhstan (S Sergeyev and K Nurmaganbetov) 3:51.38; 5, Czech Republic (P Bednar and P Fuksa) 3:51.57; 6, South Korea (Chang-kyu Park and Kwang-rak Jun) 3:52.04.

#### Men's 1,000m kayak singles

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and fastest loser to final): Heat one: 1, B Bonomi (It) 3:40.63; 2, K Holmann (Nor) 3:41.63; 3, L Uwowski (Ger) 3:42.56; 4, A Gajewski (Pol) 3:43.39; 5, S Custinn (Br) 3:44.44; 6, A Sztrum (Arg) 3:44.58; 7, M Harbold (US) 3:44.68; 8, J Garcia (Por) 3:48.85; 9, I Lawler (GB) 3:55.58. Heat two: 1, C Robinson (Aus) 3:43.65; 2, M Popescu (Rom) 3:44.24; 3, A Calderon (Sp) 3:44.77; 4, M Kolehmainen (Fin) 3:45.61; 5, R Erban (Slovakia) 3:46.63; 6, H Helde (Est) 3:47.23; 7, Z Kammerer (Hun) 3:49.58; 8, V Olle (Fr) 3:51.53; 9, V Tereshchenko (Ukr) 3:56.64.

#### Men's 1,000m kayak pairs

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and fastest loser to final): Heat one: 1, Italy (A Rossi and D Scarpa) 3:16.84; 2, Denmark (T Nielsen and J Staal) 3:17.42; 3, Bulgaria (M Kazanov and A Dushev) 3:18.48; 4, Hungary (R Hegedus and P Almasi) 3:18.52; 5, Australia (G Leury and P Scott) 3:19.05; 6, Slovakia (J Kadner and A Szabo) 3:20.90; 7, Czech Republic (P Hruska and R Kucera) 3:21.38; 8, Spain (J Roman and J M Sanchez) 3:24.03; 9, Argentina (A Sztrum and J Correa) 3:28.12. Heat two: 1, Poland (D Bialkowski and G Kotowicz) 3:18.02; 2, France (P Lancereau and P Lubac) 3:18.72; 3, Germany (K Bluhm and T Gutsche) 3:19.39; 4, Sweden (M Oscarsson and S Malmsten) 3:19.60; 5, United States (J Mooney and P Newton) 3:19.83; 6, Portugal (R Fernandes and J Queiros) 3:22.27; 7, Russia (A Ivanik and A Tishin) 3:22.30; 8, Lithuania (V Kupcinskas and V Mizeras) 3:24.46; 9, Great Britain (G Bourne and P Derby-Dowman) 3:26.34.

#### Men's 1,000m kayak fours

SEMI-FINALS (first two in each heat and fastest losers to final): Heat one: 1, Spain (M Garcia, J Gonzalez, E Merchan, G Vicente) 3:00.79; 2, Canada (M Apostol, P Giles, L Jewell, R Crichlow) 3:01.30; 3, Bulgaria (P Karadzhov, P Markov, N Yordanov, G Choykov) 3:01.42; 4, Ukraine (V Kulida, O Slivinskyy, A Borzukov, A Petrov) 3:05.64; 5, Czech Republic (K Lesina, P Mraz, M Otahal, J Polivka) 3:06.61; 6, United States (C Bader, P Boccara, M Hamilton, C Meldi) 3:06.85. Heat two: 1, Australia (P Lynch, B Morton, J Walker, R Andersson) 3:01.30; 2, Sweden (P Madsen, M Oscarsson, H Nilsson, J Fager) 3:02.30; 3, Italy (A Covi, E Lupetti, I Lussignoli, L Negri) 3:03.21; 4, Norway (M Iversen, M Naess, T Selvik, T Roander) 3:03.87; 5, Kazakhstan (I Gaiyetullin, D Toropov, A Safaryan, S Skypnik) 3:06.85; 6, Uzbekistan (V Kazantsev, K Yashin, A Tyunn, A Shilin) 3:11.14

#### Women's 1,000m kayak fours

SEMI-FINALS (first two in each heat and fastest losers to final): Heat one: 1, Canada (M-J Gibeau, A Herst, K Macaskill, C Kennedy) 1:38.71; 2, Russia (O Tishchenko, T Tishchenko, L Kosorukova, N Gulay) 1:39.76; 3, Romania (S Toma, V Iordache, R Ionita, M Bene) 1:40.08; 4, Ukraine 1:40.09; 5, Czech Republic 1:42.21; 6, Japan 1:45.89. Heat two: 1, Hungary (K Czigany, E Donusz, S Mednyanszki, E Meszaros) 1:37.14; 2, Spain (I Aramburu, B Manchon, A M Penas, B Sanchez) 1:37.36; 3, Australia (N Hunter, L Lehmann, Y Noessler, S Oates) 1:37.90; 4, United States 1:40.04; 5, Uzbekistan 1:40.89. 6, Mexico 1:42.15

### Gymnastics

#### Individual rhythmic

PRELIMINARIES (leading 20 to semi-finals): Qualifiers: 1, E Serebryanskaya (Ukr) 19.615pts; 2, T Ogryzko (Belo) 19.500; 3, A Zaripova (Rus) 19.466; 4, L Loukianenko (Belo) 19.416; 5, M Brzeska (Ger) 19.149; 6, E Serrano (Fr) 19.032; 7, D Popova (Bul) 19.016; 8, K Sroka (Ger) 18.848; 9, V Frater (Hun) 18.582; 10, Bei Wu (China) 18.465; 11, L Outehlova (Cz) 18.431; 12, J Davis (US) 18.366; 13, K Klukeviciute (Lith) 18.282; 14, C Stollenberg (Bel) 18.265; 15, A Sebestova (Cz) 18.149; 16, A Szalay (Hun) 18.033; 17, K Katpela (Fin) 17.982; 18, C Madans (Can) 17.915; 19, I Batyrchina (Rus) 9.816; 20, E Vitrichenko (Ukr) 9.800.

### Handball

#### Women

CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Fifth to eighth place: Angola 24 United States 23.

SEMI-FINAL: Denmark 23 Norway 19.

### Hockey

#### Men's play-offs

ELEVENTH PLACE: Malaysia 4 United States 1.

NINTH PLACE: Argentina 3 South Africa 2

SEVENTH PLACE: Great Britain 4 India 3.

### Tennis

#### Men's singles

SEMI-FINAL: S Bruguera (Sp) bt F Meligeni (Br) 7-6, 6-2

### Volleyball

#### Men

CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Fifth to eighth place: Brazil bt Argentina 15-10, 15-3, 13-15, 15-9; Cuba bt Bulgaria 15-4, 15-12, 16-17, 15-12.

### Wrestling

#### Freestyle, over 100kg

PRELIMINARY ROUND: E M Roudbaneh (Iran) bt A Singh (GB) pts.

## Hoyer hits gold for Denmark with treble top

POUL-ERIK HOYER, from Denmark, broke the Asian stranglehold to win the badminton men's singles gold medal with the three finest performances of his career (Richard Eaton writes). The All-England champion successively overcame Allan Budi Kusuma, the defending champion, of Indonesia, Heryanto Arbi, the world champion, also of Indonesia, and Dong Jiong, the world No 1, of China.

Hoyer's 15-12, 15-10 victory over Dong in the final was a temperamental, tactical and technical masterpiece. He denied Dong chances to employ the fastest attack in the game by tying him up at the net, and scored heavily with cuts and slices that required exquisite control of racket angles.

The other All-England champion won the women's singles. Bang Soo-Hyun, of South Korea, was too accurate with her clears and drops for Mia Audina, 16, of Indonesia, whom she beat 11-6, 11-7.

## China's flag day

Table tennis: China became the first country to win all four Olympic gold medals, when Deng Yaping beat Chen Jing, of Taiwan, 21-14, 21-17, 20-22, 14-21, 21-5, surviving a five-minute interruption when police removed two brawling spectators.

At the time Deng was two games up and standing at 15-15 in the third game against Jing, who won the gold medal in Seoul under Chinese colours, but defected to Taiwan. One of the spectators had been waving a Taiwan flag, a potentially provocative act, especially as the International Olympic Committee made the flag illegal as part of the agreement struck with China before its return to the Games.

## First for Tonga

Boxing: Paea Wolfgram earned the Pacific kingdom of Tonga its first Olympic medal with a remarkable victory over Rubalcaba Alexis, of Cuba, in the super heavyweight division. After a pulsating bout that had the capacity crowd chanting their support for Wolfgram, Alexis, the gold medal favourite, was eliminated on points 17-12 to guarantee Tonga at least a bronze medal.

Ireland's last remaining boxer, Damaen Kelly, lost a points decision 13-6 to Bulat Dzumadilov, of Kazakhstan.

## Grapple gripe

Wrestling: Abbas Jadidi, of Iran, claimed the chief judge ordered two colleagues to award the 100 kilogram final to Kurt Angle, of the United States. At the end of the bout, which went into overtime, the score was 1-1. "When the match ended and the judges gathered for a vote, I heard two of them give me victory but then the chief judge ordered them to give it to the American," Jadidi said. He said the Iran delegation had made a protest to the international wrestling federation.

JERRY LAMPEN

Claude Issorat, of France, throws his arms aloft in ecstatic celebration after clinching victory and a gold medal in the men's 1,500 metres wheelchair race

### Archery

#### Women's individual

SEMI-FINALS: Ying He (China) bt E Altinkaynak (Tur) 101-100; Kyung-wook Kim (S Kor) bt O Sadovnycha (Ukr) 111-109.

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: O Sadovnycha (Ukr) bt Altinkaynak 109-102.

FINAL: Kyung-wook Kim (S Kor) bt Ying He (China) 113-107.

### Athletics

#### Men's 200 metres

SECOND ROUND (first three in each heat and fastest loser to semi-finals): Qualifiers: Heat one: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 20.38sec; 2, J Williams (US) 20.47; 3, O Thompson (Barb) 20.58. Heat two: 1, M Johnson (US) 20.37; 2, G Moen (Nor) 20.48; 3, N de Silva (Tri) 20.62. Heat three: 1, I Garcia (Cuba) 20.38; 2, K Ito (Japan) 20.47; 3, S Brimacombe (Aus) 20.58. Heat four: 1, M Marsh (US) 20.39; 2, P Stevens (Bel) 20.43; 3, J Regis (GB) 20.58; 4, S Inozemtsevs (Lat) 20.58. Heat five: 1, A Boldon (Tri) 20.25; 2, F Obikwelu (Nigeria) 20.46; 3, E Tiehlor (Ghana) 20.49; 4, L Christie (GB) 20.59 (non-qualified). 8, G Ryan (Ire) 20.89 (non-qualifier).

#### Men's 800 metres

FINAL: 1, V Rodal (Nor) 1min 42.58sec; 2, H Sepeng (SA) 1:42.74; 3, F Onyancha (Ken) 1:42.79; 4, N Tellez (Cuba) 1:42.85; 5, N Motchebon (Ger) 1:43.91; 6, D Kiptoo (Ken) 1:44.19; 7, J Gray (US) 1:44.21; 8, B Lahlou (Mor) 1:45.52.

#### Men's 5,000 metres

HEATS (first eight in each heat and six fastest losers to semi-finals): Leading qualifiers: Heat one: 1, S Sghir (Mor) 14min 02.71sec; 2, S Kororia (Ken) 14:02.75; 3, R Benzine (Alg) 14:08.06. Heat two: 1, F Bayissa (Eth) 13:50.81; 2, B Lahlafi (Mor) 13:51.25; 3, T Nyariki (Ken) 13:51.47; 7, J Nuttall (GB) 13:52.16. 10, C Finnegan (Ire) 13:54.01. Heat three: 1, J Morapedi (SA) 13:54.30; 2, P Bitok (Ken) 13:54.45. 3, V Niyongabo (Burundi) 13:54.53.

#### Men's 3,000m steeplechase

SEMI-FINALS (first five in each heat and two fastest losers to final): Qualifiers: Heat one: 1, M Davis (US) 8min 26.76sec; 2, M Birir (Ken) 8:27.16; 3, A Lambruschini (It) 8:27.32, 4, H Boulouiche (Mor) 8:27.78; 5, M Strege (Ger) 8:27.99; 11, K Cullen (GB) 8:46.74 (non-qualifier). Heat two: 1, J Keter (Ken) 8:18.90; 2, M Kiptanui (Ken) 8:18.91; 3, S Brand (Ger) 8:19.11; 4, J Svenoy (Nor) 8:19.79; 5, B Boulami (Mor) 8:20.43; 6, M Croghan (US) 8:21.01; 7, A Carosi (It) 8:21.86. 9, J Chaston (GB) 8:28.50 (non-qualifier).

#### Men's 400 metres hurdles

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, D Adkins (US) 47.76sec; 2, S Nylander (Swe) 48.21; 3, F Mori (It) 48.43; 4, E de Araujo (Br) 48.45; 7, J Ridgeon (GB). Heat two: 1, C Davis (US) 47.91; 2, E Teixeira (Br) 48.26; 3, S Matete (Zam) 48.28, 4, R Robinson (Aus) 48.28.

#### Men's pole vault

QUALIFICATION: Non-qualifiers include: N Winter (GB) and N Buckfield (GB) 5.40

#### Men's discus

FINAL: 1, L Riedel (Ger) 69.40m; 2, V Dubrovshchik (Belo) 66.60; 3, V Kaptyukh (Belo) 65.80; 4, A Washington (US) 65.42; 5, V Alekna (Lith) 65.30; 6, J Schult (Ger) 64.62.

#### Men's decathlon

LEADERS AFTER FIRST DAY: 1, D O'Brien (US: 10.50sec, 7.57m, 15.66m, 2.07m, 46.82sec) 4,592pts; 2, F Busemann (Ger, 10.60, 8.07, 13.60, 2.04, 48.34) 4,468; 3, E Nool (Est: 10.66, 7.88, 14.01, 2.01, 47.26) 4,457; 4, C Huffins (US) 4,448; 5, E Hamalainen (Belo) 4,443; A Kruger (GB) withdrew after two events.

#### Women's 200 metres

SECOND ROUND (first four in each heat to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, C Guidry (US) 22.51sec; 2, C Sturrup (Bahamas) 22.81; 3, M Gainsford-Taylor (Aus) 22.91; 4, N Safronnikova (Belo) 23.15. Heat two: 1, M Ottey (Jam) 22.61; 2, G Malchugina (Rus) 22.66; 3, M Paschke (Ger) 22.84; 4, K Koffa (Gr) 23.04; 5, K Merry (GB) 23.17. Heat three: 1, M-J Perec (Fr) 22.24; 2, M Onyali (Nigeria) 22.37; 3, I Miller (US) 22.57; 4, C Freeman (Aus) 22.74; 6, S Jacobs (GB) 22.96. Heat four: 1, D Young (US) 22.53; 2, J Cuthbert (Jam) 22.62; 3, I Privalova (Rus) 22.82; 4, A Bikar (Slovenia) 22.89.

#### Women's 100 metres hurdles

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to final). Heat one: 1, M Freeman (Jam) 12.61sec; 2, B Bukovec (Slovenia) 12.63; 3, N Shekhodanova (Rus) 12.67; 4, L Goode (US) 12.77; 5, A Thorp (GB) 12.80 (British record). Heat two: 1, L Engquist (Swe) 12.51; 2, P Girard-Leno (Fr) 12.59; 3, G Devers (US) 12.62; 4, D Rose (Jam) 12.64

FINAL: 1, L Engquist (Swe) 12.58; 2, B Bukovec (Slovenia) 12.59; 3, P Girard-Leno (Fr) 12.65; 4, Devers 12.66; 5, Rose 12.74; 6, Freeman 12.76; 7, Shekhodanova 12.80, 8, Goode 13.11.

#### Women's 400 metres hurdles

FINAL: 1, D Hemmings (Jam) 52.82sec; 2, K Batten (US) 53.08; 3, T Buford-Bailey (US) 53.22; 4, D Parris (Jam) 53.97; 5, H Meissner (Ger) 54.03; 6, R Edeh (Can) 54.39; 7, I Tirlea (Rom) 54.40; 8, S Rieger (Ger) 54.57.

#### Women's triple jump

FINAL: 1, I Kravets (Ukr) 15.33m; 2, I Lasovskaya (Rus) 14.98; 3, S Kasparkova (Cz) 14.98, 4, I Prandzheva (Bul) 14.92; 5, A Hansen (GB) 14.49; 6, O Vasdeki (Gr) 14.44.

#### Women's shot

QUALIFYING (leading 12 overall to final): Qualifiers include: J Oakes (GB) 18.56.

### Badminton

#### Men's singles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: S Rashid (Malay) bt H Arbi (Indo) 5-15, 15-11, 15-6.

#### Women's singles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: S Susanti (Indo) bt Kim Ji-hyun (S Kor) 11-4, 11-1.

#### Mixed doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Liu Jianjun and Sun Man (China) bt Chen Xingdong and Peng Xingyong (China) 13-15, 17-15, 15-4.

### Basketball

#### Women

QUARTER-FINALS: United States 108 Japan 93; Australia 74 Russia 70; Ukraine 59 Italy 50. Brazil 101 Cuba 69.

### Boxing

#### Flyweight

QUARTER-FINALS: A Pakeev (Rus) bt D Reyes (Col); M Romero (Cuba) bt E Recaido (Phil); B Dzumadilov (Kaz) bt D Kelly (Ire); Z Lunka (Ger) bt M Assous (Alg) all pts.

#### Featherweight

QUARTER-FINALS: S Kamsing (Thai) bt R Paliani (Rus); P Chacon (Arg) bt J Nagy (Hun); S Todorov (Bul) bt F Huste (Ger); F Mayweather (US) bt L Aragon (Cuba) all pts.

#### Light-welterweight

QUARTER-FINALS: H Vinent (Cuba) bt E Zaharov (Rus); B Niyazymbetov (Kaz) bt B Moghimi (Iran); F Missaoui (Tun) bt M Aissou (Alg); O Urkal (Ger) bt N Mouichi (Fr) all pts.

#### Light-middleweight

QUARTER-FINALS: K Tulaganov (Uzb) bt R Cadeau (Sey) rsc 1st rnd; D Reid (US) bt M Marmouri (Tun) pts; E Ibraimov (Kaz) bt M Beyer (Ger) pts; A Duvergel (Cuba) bt A Perugino (It) pts

#### Light-heavyweight

QUARTER-FINALS: A Tarver (US) bt E Flores (P Rico) rsc 3rd rnd; V Jirov (Kaz) bt T Ross (Can); T Ulrich (Ger) bt D Bispo (Br) pts; Lee Seung-bae (S Kor) bt S Drvis (Cro) pts.

#### Super-heavyweight

QUARTER-FINALS: V Klichko (Ukr) bt A Levin (Swe) ret 1st rnd; A Lezin (Rus) bt R Monse (Ger) pts; P Wolfgram (Tonga) bt A Rubalcaba (Cuba) pts; D Dokiwari (Nigeria) bt A Mamedov (Azer) rsc 3rd rnd.

### Canoeing (sprint)

#### Men's 500m Canadian pairs

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest losers to semi-finals). Heat one: 1, Canada 1:49.82; 2, Great Britain (A Train and S Train) 1:50.47; 3, Czech Republic 1:50.48; 4, South Korea 1:50.77; 5, Uzbekistan 1:52.78. Heat two: 1, Belorussia 1:47.83; 2, Slovakia 1:47.98; 3, Poland 1:48.09; 4, Croatia 1:50.47; 5, Kazakhstan 1:51.53

#### Men's 500m kayak singles

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest loser to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, R Erban (Slovakia) 1:43.18; 2, M Herbert (US) 1:43.38; 3, J Correa (Arg) 1:44.07; 4, S Custinn (Br) 1:44.20; 5, H Helde (Est) 1:44.34; 6, I Lawler (GB) 1:45.22. Heat two: 1, P Merkov (Bul) 1:42.85; 2, R Crichlow (Can) 1:43.05; 3, Z Antal (Hun) 1:43.34; 4, S Verlin (Rus) 1:43.35; 5, V Tereshchenko (Ukr) 1:44.14; 6, Y Yegorov (Kaz) 1:47.03; 7, T Krantz (Swe) 1:47.81.

#### Men's 500m kayak pairs

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest losers to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, Bulgaria 1:37.92; 2, Sweden 1:39.17; 3, Lithuania 1:40.50; 4, Uzbekistan 1:42.52; 5, Mexico 1:42.84; 6, Kyrgyzstan 1:44.32; 7, Ireland (C Maloney and G Mawer) 1:44.37. Heat two: 1, Denmark 1:36.41; 2, Czech Republic 1:37.11; 3, Portugal 1:37.49; 4, Argentina 1:39.53; 5, Belgium 1:39.61; 6, Kazakhstan 1:40.21; 7, China 1:41.03.

#### Women's 500m kayak singles

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest loser to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, I Haralamow (Switz) 1:57.89; 2, A Pastuszka (Pol) 1:58.35; 3, D Van de Venne (Bel) 1:59.02; 4, Belber Gao (China) 1:59.09; 5, T Phillips (US) 2:00.37; 6, E Duron (Mex) 2:02.84. Heat two: 1, S Maruyama (Japan) 2:04.82; 2, A Dallaway (GB) 2:04.88; 3, A Michaut (Fr) 2:05.47; 4, L Carmi (Isr) 2:05.73.

#### Women's 500m kayak pairs

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest losers to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, France 1:51.41; 2, United States 1:52.66; 3, Ukraine 1:54.37; 4, Czech Republic 1:55.37; 5, Mexico 1:55.80. Heat two: 1, Russia 1:52.52; 2, China 1:53.54; 3, Bulgaria 1:53.64; 4, Great Britain (H Gilby and A Thorogood) 1:56.06; 5, Uzbekistan 1:56.88.

### Football

#### Men's semi-final

Nigeria 4 Brazil 3 (Nigeria won on "golden goal" rule).

### Cycling

#### Men's individual road race

1, P Richard (Switz) 4hr 53min 56sec; 2, R Sorensen (Den) same time; 3, M Sciandri (GB) at 2sec; 4, F Andreu (US) at 1min 14sec; 5, R Virenque (Fr) same time; 6, M Mauri (Sp) at 1:15; 72, D McCann (Ire) at 2:53; 79, M Elliott (GB) same time; 99, J Tanner (GB) at 2:57.

### Diving

#### Women's springboard

FINAL: 1, Mingxia Fu (China) 547.68pts; 2, I Lashko (Rus) 512.19; 3, A Pelletier (Can) 509.64; 4, M Moses (US) 507.99; 5, O Zhupyna (Ukr) 507.27; 6, Y Motobuchi (Japan) 506.04; 7, V Ilyina (Rus) 493.56; 8, A Lindberg (Swe) 489.81

### Equestrianism

#### Individual dressage

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER GRAND PRIX SPECIAL: Leading qualifiers to freestyle to music: 1, A Van Grunsven (Hol), Bonfire, 153.44%; 2, I Werth (Ger), Gigolo, 152.09; 3, M Gibson (US), Peron, 149.45; 4, S Rothenberger (Hol), Weyden, 148.16; 5, M Theodorescu (Ger), Grunox, 147.71; 6, K Balkenhol (Ger), Goldstern, 145.53. Non-qualifier: 21, R Davison (GB), Askan, 131.70.

### Handball

#### Men's preliminary round

POOL A: Russia 30 Switzerland 23; Sweden 27 Croatia 18, United States 29 Kuwait 24.

POOL B: Spain 20 Egypt 19; France 23 Germany 24; Algeria 20 Brazil 20

### Hockey

#### Men

SEMI-FINALS: Spain 2 Australia 1; Holland 3 Germany 1

### Table tennis

#### Men's singles

SEMI-FINALS: Liu Guoliang (China) bt J Rosskopf (Ger) 21-17, 18-21, 21-16, 21-18; Wang Tao (China) bt P Korbel (Cz) 23-21, 21-7, 21-16

#### Women's singles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Qiao Hong (China) bt Liu Wei (China) 21-17, 15-21, 21-19, 21-11.

FINAL: Deng Yaping (China) bt Chen Jing (Taiwan) 21-14, 21-17, 20-22, 17-21, 21-5.

### Tennis

#### Men's doubles

SEMI-FINALS: N Broad and T Henman (GB) bt M Goellner and D Prinosil (Ger) 4-6, 6-3, 10-8; T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Hol) 6-2, 5-7, 18-16.

#### Women's singles

SEMI-FINALS: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt J Novotna (Cz) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, L Davenport (US) bt M J Fernandez (US) 6-2, 7-6.

#### Women's doubles

SEMI-FINALS: G Fernandez and M J Fernandez (US) bt M Bollegraf and B Schultz-Mccarthy (Hol) 7-5, 7-6; J Novotna and H Sukova (Cz) bt C Martinez and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 6-2, 7-6.

### Volleyball

#### Men

QUARTER-FINALS: Yugoslavia bt Brazil 15-6, 15-5, 8-15, 14-16, 15-10; Holland bt Bulgaria 15-14, 9-15, 15-3, 15-13; Italy bt Argentina 12-15, 15-9, 15-7, 15-4; Russia bt Cuba 15-13, 17-15, 15-11.

### Wrestling

#### Freestyle, final bouts

UNDER 48KG: For gold: Kim Il (N Kor) bt A Mkrchyan (Arm) pts. For bronze: A Perdomo (Cuba) bt V Orudzhov (Rus) pts.

UNDER 57KG: For gold: K Cross (US) bt G Sissaouri (Can). For bronze: Ri Yong Sam (N Kor) bt H Dorgan (Tur) pts.

UNDER 68KG: For gold: V Bogiyev (Rus) bt T Saunders (US) pts. For bronze: Z Zazirov (Ukr) bt Y Lamude (Cuba) pts.

UNDER 82KG: For gold: K Magomedov (Rus) bt Yang Hyun-mo (S Kor) pts. For bronze: A Azghadi (Iran) bt S Ozturk (Tur) pts.

UNDER 100KG: For gold: K Angle (US) bt A Jadidi (Iran) pts. For bronze: A Sabejew (Ger) bt S Kovalevsky (Belo) pts.

### Yachting

#### Laser

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, R Scheidt (Br) 26pts; 2, B Ainslie (GB) 37; 3, P Moberg (Nor) 46; 4, M Blackburn (Aus) 48; 5, S Werkade (Ger) 54; 6, J Hanysson (Swe) 55.

#### Soling

QUARTER-FINAL MATCH RACING: Great Britain (A Beadsworth, B Parkin, A Steed) bt Denmark 3-2; Russia bt Canada 3-0.

#### Women's Europe

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, K Roug (Den) 24pts; 2, M Matthiese (Hol) 30; 3, C Becker-Dey (US) 39; 4, S Robertson (GB) 41; 5, S Ferris (NZ) 73; 6, S Powarzynski (Ger) 75; 10, A Bowman (Ire) 82

FOR THE RECORD

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland 5 Chicago 4, Detroit 10 California 5, Texas 9 New York 2; Baltimore 9 Minnesota 3, Seattle 9 Milwaukee 3; Cleveland 4 Toronto 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 10 Houston 0; Montreal 6 Colorado 2; Chicago 4 San Francisco 1; New York 3 Pittsburgh 2 (10 innings); Los Angeles 3 Florida 0, Atlanta 7 San Diego 4. Postponed: St Louis v Philadelphia.

### BOWLS

AYR NORTHFIELD: LCL Pils national singles championship: First round: S Glen (Ormiston) 21 B Burney (Sanquhar) 16; A Gardiner (Baillieston) 21 W Stewart (Canmore) 8; I Todd (Grangemouth) 21 K Milne (Sauchie) 13; I Chalmers (Burnside) 21 G Baldie (Hawthorn) 20; A Broll (Whithorn) 21 S McKay (Penicuick) 13; C Mitchell (Camcknowe) 21 J Thain (Dufftown) 13; P McNally (Earlston) 21 F Boynton (Fraser Park) 10; H Mair (Springhill) 21 D Hill (Dalserf) 17, J Aitken (Kirkliston) 21 S Dalrymple (Airthrey Spa) 10; S Pagan (Headwell) 21; J P McLaughlin (Kincaidston) 8; I Strachan (Alyth) 21 I Galloway (Dalry) 20; J McCartney (Yoker) 21 S Simpson (Dalzell) 15; J Byron (Westermains) 21 G McKenzie (Shettleston) 14; R Corsie (Craigentinny) 21; F Kimmins (Port Glasgow) 19; A Campbell (Ellon) 21; J McIntosh (Mearns) 13; W Killens (Calledonia) 21 J Fenton (Lundin Links) 13.

### CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Clevedon: Somerset 283 (S Trago 72) and 222-9 (A W Smith 4-49; R W Noel 4-57). Surrey 304-5 (A W Smith 114 not out; G J Kennis 86; I J Ward 52). Match drawn. King's School: Sussex 159 and 282-9 (M Newell 54 and A D Edwards 71). Gloucestershire 288-7 dec (M J Cawdron 94 not out). Match drawn. Sittingbourne: Glamorgan 257 (A W Evans 85, D A Scott 5-23) and 169 (D A Scott 4-27, T N Wren 4-44); Kent 250-9 dec (M J Walker 95) and 104-7 (O T Parkin 4-34). Match drawn. Colchester: Northants 333 (M B Loye 116, T C Walton 79; A Cole 4-66) and 215-5 dec (M B Loye 85, J H Childs 4-94). Essex 245 (S P Peters 71, M Davies 4-55) and 199-4 (S D Peters 94) match drawn. Marske by the Sea: Yorkshire 251-8 dec and 240-5 dec (R A Kettleborough 54, B Parker 51); Hampshire 198-5 dec and 287 (D Mascarenhas 64; J D Middlebrook 5-63). Yorkshire beat Hampshire by eight runs. Kibworth: Durham 278 and 143-3 dec (J E Graham 55 not out); Leicestershire 171-1 dec and 253-8 (G I Macmillan 76 not out, D Stevens 70; J P Searle 4-101). Leicestershire beat Durham by two wickets. Crosby: Middlesex 300-8 dec (J C Harrison 71) and 173-7 dec (K P Dutch 102 not out); Lancashire 203-5 dec (N T Wood 73) and 189 (L J Marland 71; N B Francis 5-28). Middlesex won by 81 runs. Moseley: Warwickshire 227 (M J Powell 108) and 214-6 dec (A Singh 70, M A Wagh 67 not out); Worcestershire 190-7 dec (D B D'Oliveira 50 not out) and 94 (D A Altree 4-30; G Welch 5-26). Warwickshire beat Worcestershire by 157 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Reading: Devon 253-8 (N A Folland 71, P M Roebuck 62) and 167-2 (A Folland 52 not out). Berks 179 (G E Loveday 54, S Patel 51, P M Roebuck 6-3) and 105 (Roebuck 5-27). Devon (22) bt Berks (5) by 136 runs. Dorchester: Dorset 121 (N D Peel 5-42, A J Murphy 4-20) and 167-7 (G A Bucknell 53, R G Hignett 4-39). Cheshire 314 (J D Bean 66, Hignett 61, S R Walbridge 4-103). Match drawn. Dorset 4 pts, Cheshire 5pts. Dales CC, Leominster: Cornwall 167-9 (J P Kent 81, K E Cooper 6-51) and 92 (K E Cooper 5-25). Hereford 380-4 (R G R Barlow 103, M F D Robinson 88, S M Brogan 87, S R Bevins 74 not out). Hereford (24) bt Cornwall (1) by an innings and 121 runs. Lakenham: Norfolk 225-2 (T J Boon 118 not out) and 8-0. Northumberland 100 (M W Thomas 5-6) and 130 (P J Bradshaw 4-26). Norfolk (24) bt Northumberland (0) by 10 wickets.

SENIOR AREA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS: First division: West Midlands (221-3) bt Surrey (217-8, B Daniels 106 not out). Second division: Yorkshire II (202-8) bt Lancashire and Cheshire (161). Standings: First division: Yorkshire 104, West Midlands 83.5, Surrey 72, East Anglia 55, West 37, East Midlands 29.5. Second division: Kent 97, Thames Valley 86.5, Yorkshire II 55.5, Middlesex 54.5, Sussex 41, Lancashire and Cheshire 40.5.

### FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Internazionale 3 Manchester United 0; Celtic 2 Arsenal 1, Hartlepool 0 Bradford 1, Hereford 2 Bristol City 3; L Orient 1 Charlton 2, Wolverhampton 0 Chelsea 1; Stevenage 2 Queens Park Rangers XI 3; Rushden and Diamonds 0 Derby 5, Wrexham 1 Bolton 1; Workington 0 Carlisle 1; Stranraer 1 Millwall 4; Slough 2 Watford 2; Brighton 1 Portsmouth 1; Brentford 0 Tottenham 3; Gloucester City 3 Tottenham XI 1. Telford 1 Northampton 0. Carshalton 2 Crystal Palace XI 1; Pforzheim 0 Leeds 1; Lincoln 0 Aston Villa 1; Tranmere 1 Everton 2; Dunfermline 2 Southampton 2; Torquay 3 West Ham 2; Bashley 0 Bournemouth 2; Mansfield 1 Norwich 2; Bath 2 Chester 5

TOUR MATCH: Singapore All Stars 0 Newcastle United 5 (at National Stadium, Singapore).

### GOLF

KUNGSBACKA: Volvo Scandinavian Masters: Leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: S Luna (Sp), T Bjorn (Den). 68: P Way, M Martin (Sp), J Bickerton, R Claydon. 69: C Montgomerie, P Harrington, I Woosnam, M Gates, L Westwood 70: G Hjertstedt (Swe), J Payne, C Post (Den), M Mouland, M Litton, P Eales, Lien-Wei Zhang (China), P-U Johansson (Swe), F Howley, F Roca (Sp), G Emerson, P Nyman (Swe), S Grappasonni (It), S Tinning (Den), P Baker, M Hallberg (Swe). 71: M Archer, S Cage, N Fasth (Swe), J Rivero (Sp), J Pinero (Sp), J Lomas, S Struver (Ger), P O'Malley (Aus), B Marchbank, A Hunter, O Karlsson (Swe), I Pyman, J Daly (US), M Roe, P Fulke (Swe), R Chapman.

HOLLINWELL, Nottinghamshire: English amateur championship: Third round: J Pounder (Yeovil) bt B Toona (Ellesmere) 2 and 1; K Wallbank (Fairhaven) bt N Parkinson (Dore and Totley) at 20th, J O'Shea (Ealing) bt J Ambridge (Moor Park) at 19th, J Little (Moor Park) bt P Brown (Ashford Manor) 2 holes; A Lawrence (Wheatley) bt P Stuart (London) 2 and 1, S Webster (Ifield) bt M Wharton (John O'Gaunt) 7 and 6; C Banks (Stanton on the Wolds) bt C Hudson (Army) 4 and 2; M Allen (Nevill) bt D Jessup (Rochester and Cobham) 7 and 6, C Duke (Porters Park) bt M James (Walton Heath) 1 hole; R Wiggins (Ponteland) bt R Aisbitt (Bishop Auckland) 2 and 1; J Rose (North Hants) bt A Leach (Arcot Hall) 5 and 4; B Mason (Sand Moor) bt M Scothern (Coxmoor) 2 and 1; M Pile (Woburn) bt C Roake (Gerrards Cross) 2 and 1, A Patterson (Copthorne) bt J Harris (Nevill) 4 and 3, M Cryer (Coventry) bt S Little (Moor Park) 3 and 2; R Chattaway (Whittington Heath) bt M Blackey (Hayling) 4 and 3, C Richardson (Burghley Park) bt M Naylor (Radcliffe on Trent) 2 holes. Fourth round: P Snowden (Sand Moor) bt C Stewart (Walton Heath) 2 and 1, D Lucas (Worksop) bt I Ferrie (Alnmouth) 3 and 2; D Mansell (Silkstone) bt D Stokes (Huddersfield) 4 and 3; Richardson bt G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) 3 and 2; L Watcham (South Beds) bt G Evans (North Middlesex) 4 and 3, Pounder bt D Griggs (Royal Worlington) 2 and 1; O'Shea bt Wallbank 3 and 2; R Fulford (The County Club; Johannesburg) bt M Reynard (Moseley) at 22nd; L Donald (Beaconsfield) bt M Keeling (Burslem) at 21st, Little bt Lawrence 1 hole; Webster bt Banks 2 holes. Duke bt Allen 3 and 2; Rose bt Wiggins 2 and 1; Pile bt Mason 5 and 4; Cryer bt Patterson 2 holes; Richardson bt Chattaway 3 and 2. Fifth round: Lucas bt Mansell 5 and 3; I Richardson bt Watcham 3 and 2: Little bt O'Shea 5 and 4; Fulford bt Snowden 3 and 2; Pounder bt Donald 2 and 1.

DUNBAR: J & B Scottish amateur championship: Third round: P Arthur (Turnhouse) bt R Ballentyne (Selkirk) 1 hole; L McLaughlin (Cowglen) bt S Young (Inverallochy) 2 and 1; A Cooper (Taymouth Castle) bt S Mackenzie (West Linton) 1 hole, C Kelly (St Andrews New) bt R Craig (Merchants of Edinburgh) at 20th, B Smith (Hamilton) bt H Walker (Gullane) 3 and 2, B Howard (Cochrane Castle) bt G Davidson (Langholm) at 19th; D Robertson (Dunbar) bt F Bell (Portpatrick Dunskey) 6 and 4. A Nichol (Berwick) bt J Hughes (Cardross) 3 and 2; M Brooks (Carluke) bt P McKechnie (Hayston) 1 hole; S Gray (Hayston) bt M MacAulay (Lochgilphead) 4 and 3; A Forsyth (Ralston) bt M Brown (Monifieth) 2 holes; R Bain (UAE) bt R Jenkins (Crow Wood) at 19th; D Brown (Carluke) bt N Shillinglaw (Glencorse) 2 holes; S Twynholm (Westerhope) bt R Dickson (Kirkcaldy) 1 hole; C Gordon (Ratho Park) bt B Scott (Lochmaben) 5 and 4; G Fox (West Kilbride) bt S Knowles (Kingsknowe) 3 and 2; R Beames (Wick) bt P Lamb (Glencorse) 5 and 4; D Hamilton (Aus) bt G Paterson (Prestwick St Nicholas) 2 and 1; M Urquhart (Inverness) bt C Mitchell (Blairgowrie) 2 and 1; C Elliot (Ratho Park) bt G Bolton (Rothesay) 6 and 5; C Watson (East Renfrewshire) bt P Cunningham (Downfield) at 19th, I Ford (Kelso) bt M Stein (Ratho Park) 3 and 2; S Orr (East Renfrewshire) bt R Sheils (Moray) at 22nd; R Lynch (Hollandbush) bt C Gordon (Ratho Park) 2 and 1; K Miller (Duddingston) bt J Gallacher (Wentworth) 2 and 1; A Turnbull (Innerleithen) bt F Hutchison (Dunfermline) 2 and 1; D Patrick (Mortonhall) bt G Crawford (Williamwood) 3 and 2; G Lawrie (Prestwick St Nicholas) bt D Paton (Dumfloer Park) at 19th, D Brock (Tantallon) bt G McLay (Royal Musselburgh) at 19th; C Townsend (Torwoodlee) bt S Johnston (Carrickknowe) 4 and 3; R Thornton (Cardross) bt S Armstrong (Ratho Park) 2 and 1; J Smith (Strathclyde Park) bt W Bryson (Drumpellier) 5 and 4.

ASHBURNHAM: Welsh amateur championship: Leading second-round qualifiers: 141: Y Taylor (Brynhill) 72, 69. 143: C M Reef (Ashburnham) 72, 71. 144: N B Edwards (Whitchurch) 73, 71; M W Calvert (Coptheath) 73, 71. 145: L S Harpin (North Wales) 73, 72; M J Pilkington (Nefyn) 72, 73. 146: S Raybould (Pontypridd) 71, 75. 147: R L Evans (Ashburnham) 77, 70; A Harrhy (Llanwern) 74, 73. 148: S P Jones (Cardiff) 77, 71, A L Cooper (Neath) 77, 71; D N Harris (Shrewsbury) 76, 72. First round: Taylor bt K Sullivan (Brynhill) one hole; J R Donaldson (Macclesfield) bt M Samson (Ashburnham) 4 and 3, Harrhy bt C Platt (Wrexham) one hole, Evans bt P J Hunt (Haverford West) 7 and 5; C Roberts (Cradoc) bt Harpin two holes; M Peet (Pyle and Kenfig) bt Harris 2 and 1; S Smith (Foresthills) bt C Williams (Creigau) 4 and 3; Calvert bt G Reynolds (Whitchurch) 4 and 3; Edwards bt M Parry (Newport) 3 and 2, D H Park (Burghill Valley) bt A A Delves (Padeswood and Buckley) 3 and 2; R W Price (Monmouthshire) bt Cooper 2 and 1; O J Pughe (Oswestry) bt Pilkington 3 and 2; S Gerrish (Brecon) bt Raybould 3 and 2; S Purdie (Wrexham) bt Jones 3 and 2; Campbell bt M J Ellis (Wrexham) at 19th, S M Roberts (Bargoed) bt Rees 4 and 3.

MONMOUTH: Welsh Girls championship: Quarter-finals: K Stark (Brynhill) bt B Heaton (Padeswood and Buckley) 5 and 4; C Cole (Monmouthshire) bt K Phillips (Cregalu) 5 7 4; S Bourne (Dewstow) bt E Gaines (Ashburnham) 3 and 2; B Brewerton (Abergele and Pensarn) bt J Shawe (Brynhill) at 19th. Semi-finals: Stark bt Cole 3 and 1; Bourne bt Brewerton 3 and 2. Final: Stark bt Bourne 4 and 3.

### SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull 49 Bradford 47, Longeaton 53 Exeter 43

BS GROUP BLUE RIBAND (at Poole): 1, L Gunnestad (Poole); 2, M Cox (Oxford); 3, S Schofield (Poole); 4, C Boyce (Poole).

### TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: M Chang bt M Damm (Cz) 6-0, 3-6, 7-5; R Krajicek (Hol) bt G Raoux (Fr) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, S Pescosolido (It) bt A DuPuis (Fr) 6-3, 6-2.

AMSTERDAM: Men's tournament: Second round: D van Scheppingen (Hol) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; A Voinea (Rom) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-0, 7-5; F Mantilla (Sp) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-4, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-4, 6-1; H Gumy (Arg) bt B Ulihrach (Cz) 6-1, 6-2; S Dosedel (Cz) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-2, 7-5; Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-7, 7-6, 7-5; C Moya (Sp) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-0, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

### CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Worcestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Essex
WORKSOP: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Yorkshire

Tour match

11.0, second day of four

THE OVAL: Surrey v South Africa A

FIRST UNDER-19 TEST MATCH (second day of four): Old Trafford: England v New Zealand

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Lakenham: Norfolk v Cambridgeshire.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Lydney: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

### FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES (7.30 unless stated): Brentford v Queens Park Rangers (7.45); Charlton v Coventry (7.45), Omagh v Darlington (7.0); Scunthorpe v Bradford; Sligo v Sunderland; St Patrick's Ath v Tranmere (7.45), UCD v Huddersfield; Halifax v Bury; Southend v Peterborough (7.45); Chesterfield v Barnsley, Barnet v Luton (7.45); Kidderminster v Gillingham; Shrewsbury v Port Vale

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30

Stones Super League
Castleford Tigers v St Helens ..........

Second division
Barrow v Hull KR ..........

### OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English Amateur Championship (at Hollinwell), J and B Scottish Amateur Championship (Dunbar).

MOTOR RALLYING: Mobil/Top Gear RAC British Championship, Ulster international rally (Belfast).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30). Challenge: Swindon v Oxford (7.30). Conference League: Knock-out Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Arena Essex v Mildenhall (8.0).

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In all our discussion of take-out doubles so far we have assumed that the double was made directly over the opening bid. When the double is made in the protective position, eg 1 H — Pass — Pass — Double, the situation is a little different. Suppose that you hold:

♠6 ♥AQJ106 ♦A54 ♣AJ97

and your right-hand opponent opens One Heart. You have very little alternative but to pass and hope that you will be allowed to show your hand later. The corollary of this is that if the One Heart opening bid is passed round to partner and he holds little in the way of high cards and is also short in hearts, say:

♠K752 ♥5 ♦K962 ♣K852

he can be pretty sure that you have a hand such as the above. What is he to do about it? He has two choices: he can either pass or he can double. If he passes there is a risk of missing a substantial penalty, or even a game (you would expect to make Three No-trumps with these combined hands); if he doubles and you do not have quite such a good hand as this he risks you leaping to Three No-trumps or trying for a penalty because you think he has rather more than he has. All very tricky.

The best (though not foolproof) way to cope with this sort of problem is to use the principle of "transferring a king". What this means is that the hand in the protective position mentally adds a king to his hand and bids as he would in second seat: correspondingly, the responder to the protective double mentally deducts a king from his hand and then bids as he would in response to a second-position take-out double. This means that the values needed for a protective take-out double start at about nine points, as here, with perfect distribution. It also means that the values needed for a jump response start at about 11 or 12 points.

The subsequent auction is affected as well. To bid a new suit after partner's simple response shows only about 14 or so HCP, with a cue-bid reserved for a really strong hand (say 19 plus). Also, the values needed for a One No-trump overcall in the protective position are less than in second seat, say 11-15. It follows, then, that to double and then rebid in no-trumps at minimum level shows in the region of 16-18 points. A Two No-trump overcall, which would be for the minors in second position, is natural in fourth seat, showing about 19-21. With more, double and then jump in no-trumps.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

ABALONE
a. A hermit
b. Nonsense, baloney
c. A mollusc

CACUMINAL
a. Tip of tongue
b. A Russian Orthodox catachumen
c. A horny helmet

DYBBUK
a. A German entrenching spade
b. A devil
c. A wooden boot

BOSKOP
a. A secret policeman
b. A primitive man
c. Racial superiority

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## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Karpov's miniature

In the international tournament in Biel, Anatoly Karpov won an astounding miniature game as Black against Lajos Portisch, the Hungarian grandmaster. It is highly unusual to win a game as Black in as little as 20 moves. Here is Karpov's quick kill.

**White:** Lajos Portisch
**Black:** Anatoly Karpov

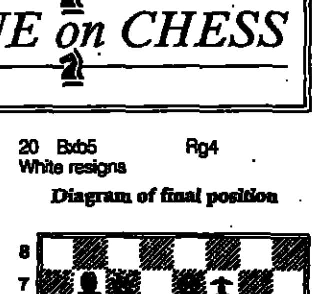
Biel, July 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | d4 | Nf6 |
| 2 | c4 | e6 |
| 3 | Nf3 | b6 |
| 4 | a3 | Bb7 |
| 5 | Nc3 | d5 |
| 6 | cxd5 | Nxd5 |
| 7 | Qc2 | Nxc3 |
| 8 | Qxc3 | Nd7 |
| 9 | Bg5 | Be7 |
| 10 | Bxe7 | Kxe7 |
| 11 | e3 | Rc8 |
| 12 | Be2 | c5 |
| 13 | dxc5 | Rxc5 |
| 14 | Qxg7 | Rg8 |
| 15 | Qxh7 | Rxg2 |
| 16 | Qh4+ | Nf6 |
| 17 | Rd1 | Qc7 |
| 18 | Nd4 | e5 |
| 19 | Nb5 | Rxb5 |
| 20 | Bxb5 | Rg4 |

White resigns

Diagram of final position



### Chess for charity

Tomorrow, Saturday August 3, during the World Memory Championship at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London, I shall be giving a simultaneous display against up to 30 opponents to raise funds for the Sick Children's Trust Charity. This is your last chance to sign up. Those wishing to compete should ring Lady Mary Tovey to reserve their place on a first come first served basis on 0171-373 4457.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### Novgorod international

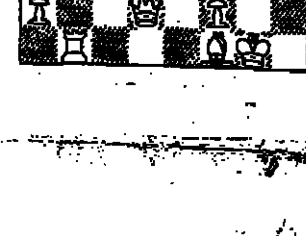
The top international tournament at Novgorod has now finished. The final results were as follows.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Topalov | — | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | ½ 1 | 1 1 | 6 |
| 2 Ivanchuk | ½ 1 | — | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 1 0 | 0 1 | 5½ |
| 3 Short | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | — | ½ 1 | ½ ½ | ½ 0 | 5 |
| 4 Gelfand | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | ½ 0 | — | ½ 1 | ½ 0 | 4½ |
| 5 Kramnik | ½ 0 | 0 1 | ½ ½ | ½ 0 | — | 1 ½ | 4½ |
| 6 Polgar | 0 0 | 1 0 | ½ 1 | ½ 1 | 0 ½ | — | 4½ |

In the above table, 1 = a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Gurevich — Kusowski, USSR 1978. How did White conclude the game with a marvellous sacrificial sequence?



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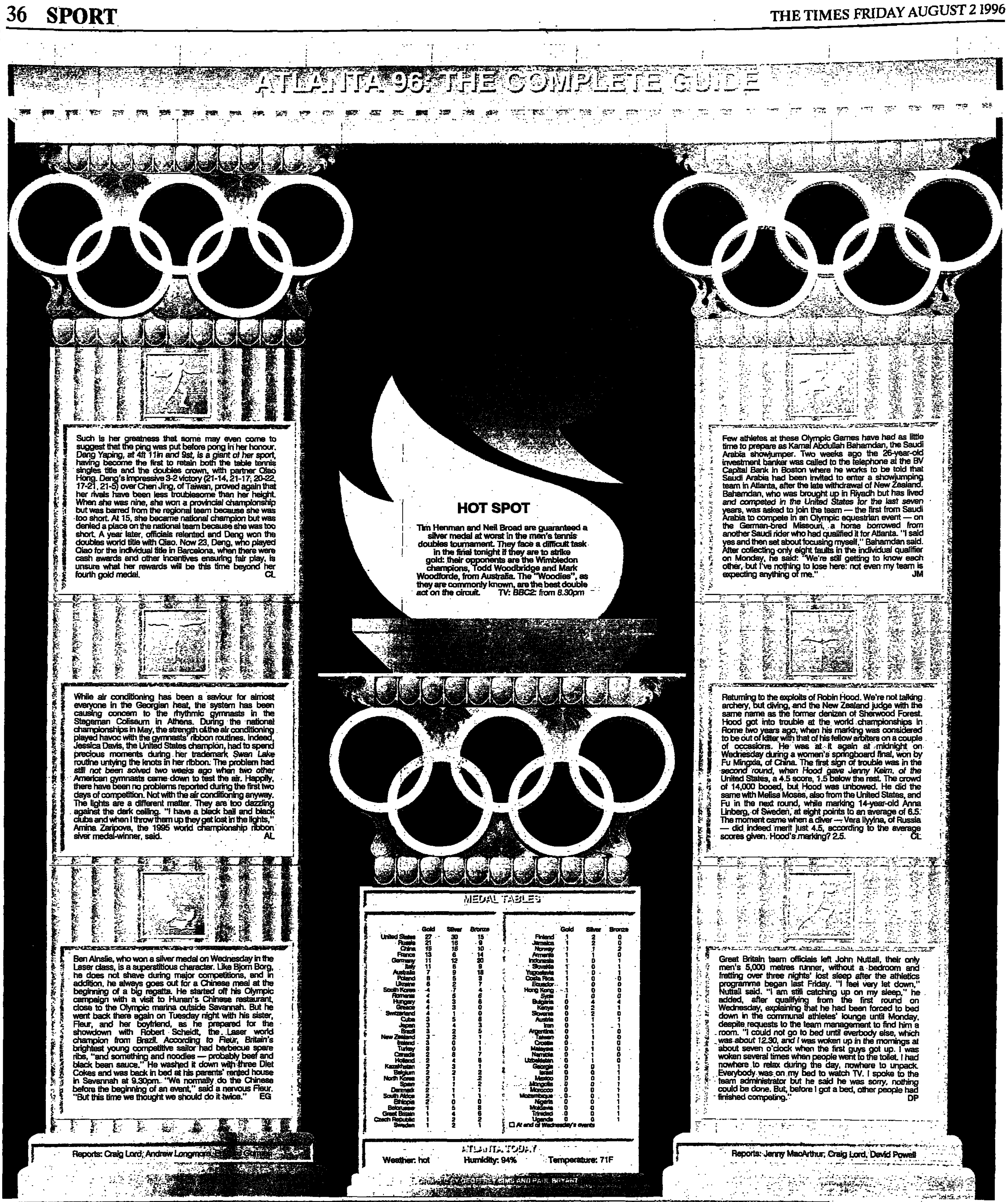

Such is her greatness that some may even come to suggest that the ping was put before pong in her honour. *Deng Yaping, at 4ft 11in and 9st, is a giant of her sport,* having become the first to retain both the table tennis singles title and the doubles crown, with partner Qiao Hong. Deng's impressive 3-2 victory (21-14, 21-17, 20-22, 17-21, 21-5) over Chen Jing, of Taiwan, proved again that her rivals have been less troublesome than her height. When *she was nine, she* won a *provincial* championship but was barred from the regional team because she was too short. At 15, she became national champion but was denied a place on the national team because she was too short. A year later, officials relented and Deng won the doubles world title with Qiao. Now 23, Deng, who played Qiao for the individual title in Barcelona, when there were cash awards and other incentives ensuring fair play, is unsure what her rewards will be this time beyond her fourth gold medal. CL

While air conditioning has been a saviour for almost everyone in the Georgian heat, the system has been causing concern to the rhythmic gymnasts in the Stegeman Coliseum in Athens. During the national championships in May, the strength of the air conditioning played havoc with the gymnasts' ribbon routines. Indeed, Jessica Davis, the United States champion, had to spend precious moments during her trademark *Swan Lake* routine untying the knots in her ribbon. The problem had *still not been solved two weeks ago when two other* American gymnasts came down to test the air. Happily, there have been no problems reported during the first two days of competition. Not with the air conditioning anyway. The lights are a different matter. They are too dazzling against the dark ceiling. "I have a black ball and black clubs and when I throw them up they get lost in the lights," Amina Zaripova, the 1995 world championship ribbon siver medal-winner, said. AL

Ben Ainslie, who won a silver medal on Wednesday in the Laser class, is a superstitious character. Like Bjorn Borg, he does not shave during major competitions, and in addition, he always goes out for a Chinese meal at the beginning of a big regatta. He started off his Olympic campaign with a visit to Hunan's Chinese restaurant, close to the Olympic marina outside Savannah. But he went back there again on Tuesday night with his sister, Fleur, and her boyfriend, as he prepared for the showdown with Robert Scheidt, the Laser world champion from Brazil. *According to Fleur, Britain's* brightest young competitive sailor had barbecue spare ribs, "and something and noodles — probably beef and black bean sauce." He washed it down with three Diet Cokes and was back in bed at his parents' rented house in Savannah at 9.30pm. "We normally do the Chinese before the beginning of an event," said a nervous Fleur. "But this time we thought we should do it twice." EG

Reports: Craig Lord; Andrew Longmore; [illegible]

## HOT SPOT

Tim Henman and Neil Broad are guaranteed a silver medal at worst in the men's tennis doubles tournament. *They face a difficult task* in the final tonight if they are to strike gold: their opponents are the Wimbledon champions, Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, from Australia. The "Woodies", as they are commonly known, are the best double *act on the circuit.* *TV: BBC2: from 8.30pm*

## MEDAL TABLES

| | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|---|---|---|---|
| United States | 27 | 30 | 15 |
| Russia | 21 | 16 | 9 |
| China | 15 | 15 | 10 |
| France | 13 | 6 | 14 |
| Germany | 11 | 12 | 20 |
| Italy | 11 | 6 | 9 |
| Australia | 7 | 9 | 18 |
| Poland | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Ukraine | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| South Korea | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| Romania | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Hungary | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Greece | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Switzerland | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Cuba | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Japan | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Brazil | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| New Zealand | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Ireland | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Turkey | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Canada | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| Holland | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Kazakhstan | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Belgium | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| North Korea | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Spain | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Denmark | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| South Africa | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Ethiopia | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Belorussia | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Great Britain | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Czech Republic | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Sweden | 1 | 2 | 1 |

| | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|---|---|---|---|
| Finland | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Jamaica | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Norway | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Armenia | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Indonesia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Slovakia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Yugoslavia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Costa Rica | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ecuador | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hong Kong | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Syria | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulgaria | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Kenya | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Slovenia | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Austria | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Iran | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Argentina | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Taiwan | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Croatia | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Malaysia | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Namibia | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Uzbekistan | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Israel | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mexico | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mongolia | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Morocco | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mozambique | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nigeria | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Moldavia | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Trinidad | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Uganda | 0 | 0 | 1 |

☐ *At end of Wednesday's events*

## ATLANTA TODAY

Weather: hot Humidity: 94% Temperature: 71F

[illegible] SIMS AND PAUL BRYANT

Few athletes at these Olympic Games have had as little time to prepare as Kamal Abdullah Bahamdan, the Saudi Arabia showjumper. Two weeks ago the 26-year-old investment banker was called to the telephone at the BV Capital Bank in Boston where he works to be told that Saudi Arabia had been invited to enter a showjumping team in Atlanta, after the late withdrawal of New Zealand. Bahamdan, who was brought up in Riyadh but has lived *and competed in the United States for the last seven* years, was asked to join the team — the first from Saudi Arabia to compete in an Olympic equestrian event — on the German-bred Missouri, a horse *borrowed from* another Saudi rider who had qualified it for Atlanta. "I said yes and then set about focusing myself," Bahamdan said. After collecting only eight faults in the individual qualifier on Monday, he said: "We're still getting to know each other, but I've nothing to lose here: not even my team is expecting anything of me." JM

Returning to the exploits of Robin Hood. We're not talking archery, but diving, and the New Zealand judge with the same name as the former denizen of Sherwood Forest. Hood got into trouble at the world championships in Rome two years ago, when his marking was considered to be out of kilter with that of his fellow arbiters on a couple of occasions. He was at it again at midnight on Wednesday during a women's springboard final, won by Fu Mingxia, of China. The first sign of trouble was in the *second round, when Hood gave Jenny Keim, of the* United States, a 4.5 score, 1.5 below the rest. The crowd of 14,000 booed, but Hood was unbowed. He did the same with Melisa Moses, also from the United States, and Fu in the next round, while marking 14-year-old Anna Linberg, of Sweden, at eight points to an average of 6.5. The moment came when a diver — Vera Ilyyina, of Russia — did indeed merit just 4.5, according to the average scores given. Hood's marking? 2.5. CL

Great Britain team officials left John Nuttall, their only men's 5,000 metres runner, without a bedroom and fretting over three *nights'* lost sleep *after* the athletics programme began last Friday. "I feel very let down," Nuttall said. "I am still catching up on my sleep," he added, after qualifying from the first round on Wednesday, explaining that he had been forced to bed down in the communal athletes' lounge until Monday, despite requests to the team management to find him a room. "I could not go to bed until everbody else, which was *about 12.30, and I was woken up in the mornings at* about seven o'clock when the first guys got up. I was woken several times when people went to the toilet. I had nowhere to relax during the day, nowhere to unpack. Everybody was on my bed to watch TV. I spoke to the team administrator but he said he was sorry, *nothing* could be done. But, before I got a bed, other people had finished competing." DP

Reports: Jenny MacArthur, Craig Lord, David Powell

## TODAY AT THE GAMES

*All times BST*

**ARCHERY:** Men's and women's teams, third round and quarter-finals (14.00), semi-finals and finals (17.15).

**ATHLETICS:** Men: 50km walk (12.30); 4 x 100m relay, heats (14.15); javelin, qualifying (14.30 and 16.00); 4 x 400m relay, heats (15.30); pole vault, final (22.00); 4 x 100m relay, semi-finals (00.30); 4 x 400m relay, semi-finals (01.00); 3,000m steeplechase, final (02.05). Women: 4 x 100m relay, heats (15.00); shot, final (23.55); 4 x 100m relay, semi-finals (00.00); long jump, final (00.15); 4 x 400m relay, heats (01.30); 10,000m, final (02.30).

**BASEBALL:** Bronze medal match (19.00) and *final (00.00).*

**BASKETBALL:** Men: Play-offs (15.00, 17.00, 20.00 and 00.00). Women: Semi-finals (01.00 and 03.00).

**BOXING:** Semi-finals: Flyweight, featherweight, light-welterweight, light-middleweight, light-heavyweight, super-heavyweight (from 01.00).

**CANOEING:** Sprint semi-finals (all 500m): Men's K1 (14.00); men's C1 (14.30); women's K1 (14.50); men's K2 (15.10); men's C2 (15.30); women's K2 (15.50).

**DIVING:** Men's platform, semi-finals (16.30) and final (01.00).

**FOOTBALL:** Third-place play-off (01.00).

**GYMNASTICS:** Women's individual rhythmic, *preliminaries (15.00), group rhythmic finals* (20.00).

**HANDBALL:** Men's play-offs (15.00, 17.00, 00.00 and 02.00) and semi-finals (19.30 and 21.30).

**HOCKEY:** Men's play-off for fifth place (13.30), bronze medal match (22.00) and final (00.30).

**SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING:** Women's team, free routine (22.00).

**TENNIS:** Women's singles, bronze medal match and final; men's doubles, final (all 16.00).

**VOLLEYBALL:** Men's play-offs (17.00) and semi-finals (00.30).

**WRESTLING:** Freestyle: Under 52kg, under 62kg, under 74kg, under 90kg and under 130kg classification matches (14.30); finals (20.30).

***YACHTING:*** *Soling medal matches (17.00).*

## WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

**BBC1**

*7.0-9.0am Olympic Breakfast*, 9.05am-12.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 1.40-5.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 7.0-8.30pm Essential Olympics, 10.20pm-4.25am Olympic Grandstand.

**BBC2**

5.35-7.0pm Olympic Grandstand, 8.30-10.20pm Olympic Grandstand, 12.25-4.30am Olympic Grandstand.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

# Ainslie's ill-fated strategy backed by team-mates

FROM DAVID MILLER IN SAVANNAH

BRITAIN'S sailing team are united behind Ben Ainslie, the silver medal-winner in Laser class, who lost his chance of an Olympic title at 19 through disqualification in his final race. They are unanimous that he had to do it: to get to the start-line neck-and-neck with Robert Scheidt, the Brazilian champion, rather than concede advantage. Both were disqualified, giving Scheidt the title.

Great sailors come from little boats. Ainslie is the most exciting prospect in British sailing since Chris Law. Unlimited horizons lie ahead, yet he must not let this success warp his judgment — nor will he. For the present, he has decided to stay with Lasers, despite the attraction of larger keel-boat racing.

"He had no alternative," Ian Rhodes, whose chances with David Williams, in the Tornado class, sank because of their own errors, said of Ainslie's tactics at a celebration party given by Craig Reedie, the chairman of the British Olympic Association. "When Scheidt turned for the line, in the manoeuvring during the last minute before the gun, Ben had to stay with him. If not, had the start been clean, Ben risked letting him get away."

Claudio Biekarck, Scheidt's coach, thought that Ainslie might have been better to have ignored Scheidt, in the tense "covering" of the match-racing start strategy, and go flat out for his own race. Ainslie, who had been the more aggressive of the two, and technically had "won" the first two starts that were recalled, disagrees. "If I'd done that, he would have shadowed me," he said.

Ainslie admitted he had much to learn. Asked for detail, he replied *"That!"*, referring to the climax to this regatta — an experience he will remember for the rest of his career. It could prove hugely beneficial. In one moment, he became wiser and older by years. "Ben did well under such pressure throughout the regatta," Scheidt, world champion for the past two years, said appreciatively.

Ainslie said that Scheidt's manoeuvre, being the windward (up-wind) boat on the final tack, would have become illegal had they crossed the line after, instead of before, the gun, such are the split-second helming decisions at close quarters. Ainslie could not ease or bear away to slow down, being the leeward (down-wind) boat because of another on his leeward side as they headed in a mass of boats for the line as if on a crowded escalator.

"I loved it, all the adrenalin running," Ainslie said. "At the next Olympics, hopefully, maybe I'll be more mature, I won't get so heated."

In the long term, he would like to move to the big boats, to have the chance to compete in the Admiral's Cup, the America's Cup, the Whitbread Round the World Race. "I don't have to rush," he said, "and anyway, there are so many good sailors already out there."

The overall performance of the sailing team has been a lesson to most other British sports. An accurate analysis of the 1992 regatta by Mike McIntyre, head of Olympic preparation, has enabled the team to raise its performances in one of the most complex sports, where meteorology and oceanography can play a key part. For instance, two specialists spent two weeks, working ten-hour days in inflatable boats, studying the tidal movements at the Savannah course, seldom previously used for prolonged fleet racing. In Wednesday's race, Ainslie was being pushed by a three knot spring tide towards the line, against the wind in a choppy sea.

The Soling team works under a considerable handicap. Nowhere in Britain is there a free launching facility, an operation that costs £50 each way, and must be used every two or three days, even when practising, to keep the hull clean.

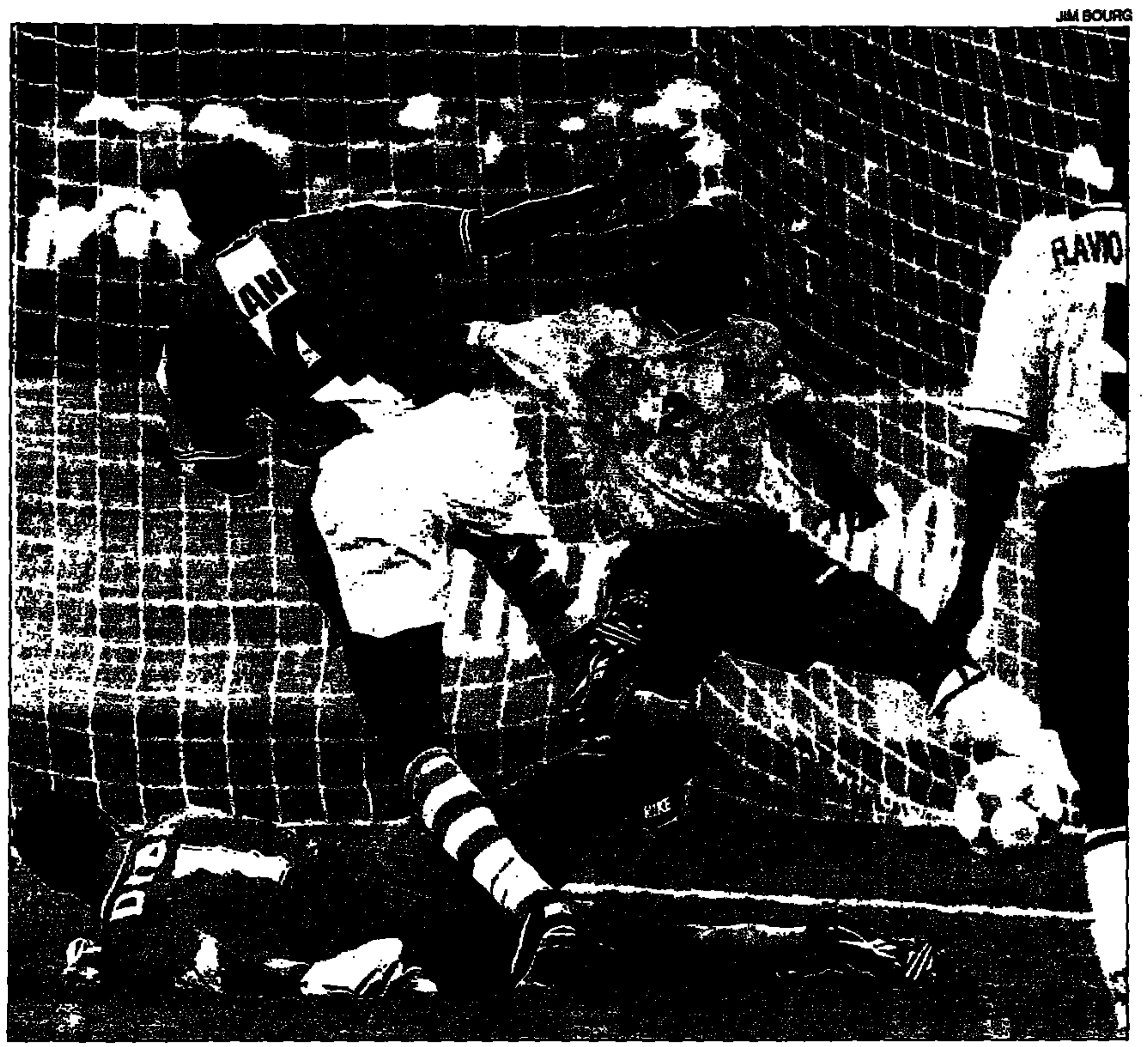
Rod Carr, the executive manager, would like to establish seven or eight sailing centres around the country where such facilities would be available to members of the team. "We don't need exclusive use," he said, "but we need areas, relatively tide-free, that are within reach of any potential Olympic competitor."

Many of the team are still part time. Sue Carr, for instance, racing a 470, lost £130 for every day's leave of absence as a teacher employed by Derbyshire County Council. Barry Parkin, a member of the Soling crew and a commercial manager when not sailing, said: "You cannot do both nowadays satisfactorily. We've managed to sail for 20 weeks of the last seven months. Most of the other top 12 nations are full-time. If they have jobs, they are in the sailing industry."

FRANK BARON/ALLSPORT

A move to larger boats beckons in the long term for Great Britain's silver medal-winner, Ainslie

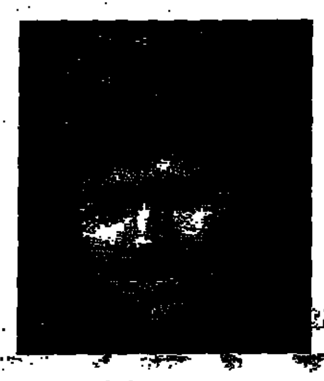
JIM BOURG



Kanu scores Nigeria's late equaliser to take their Olympic football semi-final with Brazil into extra time

# Kanu's golden goal signals breakthrough for Nigeria

ANDREW LONGMORE



celebrates an African triumph

Olympic football is a game separated from the Games. The tournament has been kept at arm's length from Atlanta and if the latter stages are appropriately staged in the town of Athens, about 50 miles north east of Atlanta, that is about as close as football gets to touching Olympic consciousness. No one remembers who won Olympic gold.

Even within the tournament there is a tournament between those who care and those who do not. The Italians returned home, beaten by, among others, Ghana, and accused of not trying by the rest of their Olympic team. However, nobody in the 78,000-strong crowd fortunate enough to witness the 4-3 victory that put Nigeria through to the final against Argentina and ended Brazil's passionate search for their first gold medal could have doubted the emotional intensity of the occasion for one second.

When Nwanko Kanu, the gangling young Nigeria captain, equalised 30 seconds from time, then slammed home the golden-goal winner 3½ minutes into extra time, green and white shirts were hurled into the band of swaying, singing, Nigerian supporters, the rhythm of the drums quickened to a celebratory beat and the players danced unashamedly to its tempo, naked to the waist. "The minister came to congratulate us," Kanu said later. With a political timing worthy of Bill Clinton, the whole Nigerian government appeared on the pitch to claim the credit.

In the opposite corner of the Sanford stadium, a line of the world's finest young players trooped dejectedly away: Ronaldo — known by his nickname, Ronaldinho, for this tournament — Juninho, Ze Elias and Flavio, whose two goals had helped to give Brazil a 3-1 lead at half-time. "Bronze is nothing," Juninho, the Middlesbrough midfield player, said. "Only the gold matters."

Like Japan's seismic defeat of Brazil in the group matches, the joy of the victors reflected the emergence of a footballing nation as much as thoughts of Olympic gold. Tactical innocence and lack of heart — those were the two faults stopping the best of the African nations from reaching the Europeans and the South Americans. Yet it was precisely those qualities that, in contrast to the last-minute defeat by Italy on Nigeria's last venture on American soil — two years ago in the World Cup — that marked the difference between the two sides on Wednesday night, turning a 3-1 deficit with 13 minutes left, and a penalty already missed, into riotous victory 17 minutes later. Nigeria had learnt from the 1-0 defeat by Brazil in the group match. Brazil, even with the shrewd guidance of Mario Zagallo, had not.

"The Brazilians did too much defending," Jo Bonfrere, Nigeria's Dutch coach, said, "but we changed it in the second half, pushing defenders out to play as attacking midfielders. It was all or nothing in the last ten minutes." Not for the first time in their history, Brazil sat back on their lead, content to wait for the chance to counter-attack. Three times in the second half, Ronaldinho, a 19-year-old recently transferred from PSV Eindhoven to Barcelona for £13 million, burst down the right. Three times, his cross missed its target.

Zagallo, thinking the game was won, took off Juninho and brought on the more prosaic Rivaldo. The initiative was lost and the weakness of the Brazil defence exposed, despite the presence of the World Cup defenders, Aldair and Roberto Carlos, two of the three over-age players. Victor Ikpeba, of AS Monaco, made it 3-2, before Kanu shed his anonymity to slide home the equaliser 32 seconds from time.

In the interview room, Zagallo, 65, grey hair thinning, bespectacled eyes looking straight ahead like a man searching for the end of the road, praised the strength of his opponents and bemoaned the shortage of good defenders in his own country. "The problem is in the schools," he said. "Every Brazilian boy wants to be a forward. None want to play in defensive positions." Defenders, as small boys instinctively know, do not command £13 million transfer fees.

Bonfrere could afford a measure of satisfaction: "We knew from the first game [when Japan beat Brazil] that there is not any more a big gap between teams like Brazil and teams from Asia and Africa. It is now just a matter of tactical planning and the way players carry out those plans on the pitch."

Off the pitch, the Nigerians have been beset with problems, from critics in the press to substandard accommodation. The team are housed in the Econolodge hotel in Athens, not quite fitting for Olympic finalists. "I told my players to forget all the problems for 90 minutes, then we will think about a new set of problems," Bonfrere said. An impressive Argentina side will pose plenty tomorrow, even to the conquerors of Brazil.

# British riders fail to weather storm

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

IN A team showjumping competition almost as dramatic as the Atlanta thunderstorm that saturated the arena and caused a lengthy delay, Germany, the favourites for the gold medal, forged into the lead, with Ireland, France, Brazil, Spain and the United States all looking possible medal contenders as the event approached the halfway stage.

For the British riders, drawn last, the opening of the heavens matched their own despairing mood after a dismal opening round had left them struggling to finish in the top half. With John Whitaker, the fourth team rider, still waiting to go in the first round when the storm broke, Nick Skelton's eight faults on Showtime was the best of the three British scores.

Nineteen teams contested the event, for which Linda Allen, the innovative course designer, had devised an intimidating 13-fence course. "Big, technical and gutsy," was the verdict of Ronnie Massarella, the Britain team manager.

It rode every bit as tough as it looked. Only a handful of riders had clear rounds, among them the European champion, Peter Charles, of Ireland, on the inexperienced Beneton.

Germany had a dramatic start when Franke Sloothaak, the world champion, fell and cut his wrist at fence nine, the Southfork Ranch gate (inspired by the television series, *Dallas*), but swiftly compensated for his loss with clear rounds from their next two riders. Skelton, the first British rider, who had been concerned about Showtime's ability to handle the water jump, faulted there and also at 12a, the first part of the Hawaiian Bamboo Double.

"I felt I was a bit unlucky," Skelton said. "She was jumping well and didn't deserve those two fences." There was worse in store. Michael Whitaker's Two Step, who has been off form from the start of the event, collected 16 faults. Malcolm Pyrah, the team trainer, said there was nothing wrong with the horse — "he's just fazed".

A disconsolate Whitaker, unable to reconcile the performances here with Two Step's successes in the Calgary Grand Prix and European championships last September, said: "He's just not going. He's spooking at everything."

When Geoff Billington, the big hope of the team after his clear round in the qualifier on Monday, collected 12 faults, four of them at the water, any lingering chance of a medal had gone. "I was trying to get a good stride to the water but he kept backing off," Billington said. The mistake unsettled the normally careful It's Otto, who then faulted at the last two fences.

While British riders struggled to come to terms with the course, Ireland, seeking their first Olympic showjumping medal, were lifted into the top three at the halfway stage by a superb round from their fourth rider, Eddie Macken, on his reserve horse, Schalkhaar. The Spanish, improved out of all recognition by their British trainer, David Broome, moved into contention after a faultless round from Fernando Sarasola, on Ennio.

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# Men's team ends on high note

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FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE men's hockey match between Great Britain and India was mistakenly listed on the television here yesterday as the final, evoking memories of 1948. Then India beat Britain 4-0; the tables were turned yesterday, albeit in a play-off for seventh place.

India started the better, scoring through Baljit Dhillon in the third minute, missing a good chance three minutes later, and scoring again from a penalty stroke by Ramandeep Singh after Shaw had brought Britain level.

Laslett got Britain back on terms in the 44th minute, converting a pass from McGuire. A shaky Indian defence then conceded two more goals during a period of sustained pressure. Wyatt put the finishing touch to a short corner and Mayer scored from a long corner. In the dying seconds, Pargat Singh reduced the lead from a short corner. India's eighth position was their lowest in the history of the Games.

GREAT BRITAIN: D Luckes, J Wyatt, J Halls, P McGuire, K Takher, Soma Singh, C Mayer, R Garcia, J Lee, J Laslett (captain), N Thompson. Substitutes used: C Giles, D Hall, J Shaw, S Hazlitt.

INDIA: A Edwards, Pargat Singh (captain), A Aldrin, Harpreet Singh, Riaz Mohammed, Ramandeep Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Baljit Saini, Baljit Dhillon, Sanjeev Kumar, G Ferreira. Substitutes used: Dhanraj Pillay, Rahul Singh.

Umpires: R St Rose (Trinidad) and E Ruiz (Argentina)

# Norway savours genuine article

**David Powell** on the differing routes taken by two athletes on the road to Olympic gold

Twenty years after Sweden last won an Olympic athletics gold medal, and 40 years after Norway's, the Scandinavian neighbours were celebrating victories within half an hour of each other on Wednesday evening. Norway louder than Sweden.

Whereas Vebjorn Rodal, who won the men's 800 metres, was born, raised and trained in Norway, Ludmila Engquist, the women's 100 metres hurdles champion, is a former Russian who has served a drugs ban and was cleared to compete here for Sweden only four weeks ago. A blue-eyed blonde she may be, but Sweden is not convinced she is one of them.

Before she married her Swedish manager, Engquist's name was Narozhilenko, winner of the gold medal at the 1991 world championships. In 1993 she was suspended for four years after failing a drugs test but reinstated when her former husband admitted spiking her food with steroids to avenge her leaving him.

A Russian court cleared Narozhilenko and the International Amateur Athletic Federation, saving itself the expense of a court case, allowed her back after 2½ years. On the whole, the Swedish media has supported her, saying that she was a victim of her husband's jealousy, but there is scepticism within the sport in Sweden.

These Olympics are the first time that Engquist has competed for Sweden, though she has been living in the suburbs of Stockholm since November 1993. Normally she would have needed three years before obtaining Swedish citizenship but, in a move reminiscent of Britain's unseemly haste to give Zola Budd a British passport for the 1984 Olympics, she was granted it on June 20.

However, without Russia's approval last month, she would have been barred from the Games under International Olympic Committee rules. This is her third successive Olympics, each time in different national colours. In 1988 it was the Soviet Union, in 1992 the Unified Team (the dismembered former Soviet Union, minus the Baltic states) and now Sweden.

Rodal's development has been strictly Norwegian, running for his country in European and world junior championships before graduating to the senior team. Ironically, he may not have won had another Scandinavian country, Denmark, been as flexible in granting citizenship as Sweden was with Engquist.

Wilson Kipketer, Kenyan-born but resident in Denmark for six years, is the 800 metres world champion, but was unable to take part here. Denmark has made him wait the normal seven years for citizenship.

Engquist: cleared to compete for Sweden

## FORM GUIDE TO TODAY'S EVENTS

### MEN

**50km walk**

RECORDS: World: 3 37·41 (A Perlov, USSR) 1989 European: 3 37·41 (A Perlov, (USSR) 1989 British: 3·51·37 (C Maddocks) 1990. Olympic: 3·38·29 (V Ivanenko, USSR) 1988

1996 BEST: 3 40·58 A Plotnikov (Russ), 3 42·30 N Matyukhin (Russ): 3 42·40 R Korzeniowski (Pol), 3·42·52 Zhao Yongsheng (China); 3 42·52 V Ginko (Belo). 3 43·00 V Spitsyn (Russ), 3·43·41 Zhang Huiqiang (China): 3·45:19 V Kononen (Fin)

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: T Green (1932), H Whitlock (1936), D Thompson (1960).

**4 x 100m relay**

RECORDS: World: 37 40sec (US) 1992 European: 37 77 (GB) 1993 British: 37 77 Olympic: 37 40 (US)

1996 BEST: 38.16 United States, 38.53 Ukraine; 38.58 Italy; 38 66 Cuba; 38.67 Great Britain, 38 73 Germany. 38 80 Australia, 38.85 Spain. 38 94 Russia, 38 98 Canada

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: 1912

**4 x 400m relay**

RECORDS: World: 2min 54.29sec (US) 1993 European: 2 57 53 (GB) 1991 British: 2·57.53 Olympic: 2·55 74 (US) 1992.

1996 BEST: 2·59 29 United States: 3·00 16 Jamaica; 3·03.25 Bahamas: 3 03 25 Germany, 3·03.38 Great Britain, 3·03.44 Senegal; 3·03 53 Kenya: 3·03 64 Cuba. 3 03 86 South Africa; 3·04.28 Brazil

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: 1920, 1936

### WOMEN

**10,000 metres**

RECORDS: World: 29min 31.78sec (Wang Junxia, China) 1993 European: 30·13 74 (I Kristiansen, Nor) 1986. British: 30:57.07 (E McColgan) 1991. Olympic: 31:05.21 (O Bondarenko, USSR) 1988.

1996 BEST: 31·01 76 Wang Junxia (China): 31·13.21 Ren Xiujuan (China); 31·19 40 H Suzuki (Japan): 31·20.19 Y Kawakami (Japan), 31.20 46 M Chiba (Japan): 31.24 08 J Vaquero (Sp) 31:31 14 Wang Mingxia (China); 31·33.51 F Ribeiro (Por): 31·51 41 K Wessel (Ger): 31·51 71 K Risk (Aus)

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Silver: McColgan (1988)

**4 x 100m relay**

RECORDS: World: 41 37sec (East Germany) 1985 European: 41.37 (E Ger). British: 42.43 (1980) Olympic: 41 60 (E Ger) 1980.

1996 BEST: 42.34 United States, 42 55 Russia. 42 59 Germany: 43 13 France. 43 34 Ukraine: 43 62 Belorussia, 43 76 Bulgaria, 43.91 Holland, 43.92 China, 43 96 Italy British: 44 07

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Silver (1936 1956).

**4 x 400m relay**

RECORDS: World: 3min 15 17sec (Soviet Union) 1988 European: 3:15 17 (USSR) British: 3·22 01 (1991). Olympic: 3 15.17 (USSR)

1996 BEST: 3·26 19 Germany. 3·27 50 United States: 3.27.74 Ukraine; 3·28 40 Czech Republic, 3·28.54 Russia. 3·28 97 France. 3·29 80 Italy: 3·31 63 China. 3·31 80 Great Britain

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Bronze (1992)

☐ *Compiled by Stan Greenberg*

# Fourth Russian fails drugs test

FROM CRAIG LORD AND JOHN GOODBODY

IN A fresh spate of drug revelations yesterday, a fourth Russian was disqualified after testing positive for Bromantan. Ireland was reprimanded for failing to "take care" of its athletes after one of the country's runners was found to have taken a banned painkiller, and three swimmers were said to have been caught smoking marijuana.

Marina Trandenkova, 29, who was fifth in the 100 metres, became the fourth Russian, and the fifth athlete at the Games, to have been found to have taken Bromantan, a stimulant that is believed to help the body tolerate high temperatures.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced three days ago that the substance was a "new" drug that was covered by a "related substances" clause in its rules. However, Michele Verdier, spokeswoman for the IOC, said yesterday: "This substance was declared illegal on June 5."

A Russian appeal against the disqualification of Andrei Korneev, a swimmer, and Zafar Gulyov, a Greco-Roman wrestler, is still proceeding. There has been no appeal yet in the cases of Nina Zhivanevskaia, another swimmer, and Trandenkova, who was a member of the 4 x 100 metres relay team that won silver at Barcelona.

Verdier's rebuke to Irish officials followed confirmation that Marie MacMahon, who finished fourteenth in the 5,000 metres, had tested positive for Phenilpropenoparnine Robitussine, a painkiller said to be found in cough medicine. She escaped a ban, however.

Verdier said that she had "no information at this time" about suggestions that three swimmers had been caught with marijuana.

GONE WITH THE WIND.
MINI

# France enjoy benefit of de Gaulle's vision

**John Goodbody** looks at the reason Great Britain's nearest neighbour is enjoying such success in Atlanta

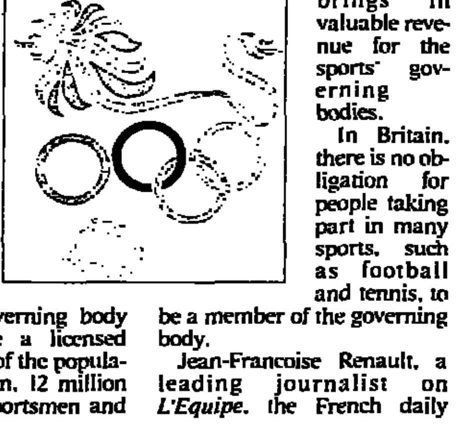
It was General de Gaulle who laid the foundation for France's success in these Games. Thirteen gold medals, a stark contrast to the one earned by Great Britain in Atlanta, are evidence aplenty of the success of de Gaulle's plans.

At the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, France failed to gain any victories and there was a cartoon printed in a French newspaper that September of de Gaulle ready to leave for Italy complaining: "In this country, if I don't do everything myself . . ."

De Gaulle may not have competed at those Games, but he was insulted that his vision of the excellence and nobility of France should have been besmirched. In 1961, he appointed a Minister of Sport and established a structure that has allowed France, over the last three summer Olympics, to achieve better results than Britain. In the winter Olympics since 1964, France have been embarrassingly superior.

One central difference between the two countries is that France has a Minister *of* Sport, Guy Drut, the 1976 Olympic 110 hurdles champion, who has a budget and power, whereas Britain has a Minister *for* Sport, Iain Sproat, a former cricket statistician, who has neither. Successive French sports ministers since the Sixties have been able to support the governing bodies of various sports without having to involve the separate bureaucracy of the Sports Council. The chairman of the new United Kingdom Sports Council is Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco, but a man usually able to give only one day a month to sorting out the evident problem in Britain, even if he were able to do so.

THE MISSING MEDALS



In France, the Government takes direct responsibility for sporting performance. It also forces everyone taking part in an activity to join the national governing body and pay to be a licensed competitor. Out of the population of 55 million, 12 million are registered sportsmen and sportswomen. This brings in valuable revenue for the sports' governing bodies.

In Britain, there is no obligation for people taking part in many sports, such as football and tennis, to be a member of the governing body.

Jean-Francoise Renault, a leading journalist on *L'Equipe*, the French daily sports newspaper, said: "It is much better to have a system of having a minister with power and money. However, like Britain we have the same problems with so many youngsters giving up sport in their teens. Don't forget we only have two hours of sport for each week for every child in school." This is the same amount as recommended by the British Government in the National Curriculum.

Jean Richard Germont, the director of elite training for the French Olympic Committee, said: "State aid is absolutely indispensible. Without it, we could not prepare properly for these Games. Money is paid directly from the state to help subsidise coaches in judo, in which France have 494,000 registered competitors. There are 72 fully-paid coaches and development officers in most of the 92 *départments*." Britain has three coaches and four part-time development officers. France won eight medals, including three gold, in judo in these Games; Britain took none.

Whereas, in Britain, competitors receive subsidiary from the Sports Aid Foundation, in France it goes through the individual federations, with leading competitors receiving similar amounts according to their ability. The elite receive about £1,250 per month. However, at these Games, the French, unlike the British, directly reward competitors who reach the podium. A gold medal is worth £32,000, a silver £15,000 and a bronze £10,000.

When asked if the French method is better than in Britain, Germont replied: "It is the system. The proof is that it works." Britain's system is not working.

RADIO CHOICE

# For Sunday, read Friday

**The Sunday Format.** *Radio 4. 11pm.*

Thanks to radio technology, we now have a Sunday newspaper — weekend supplements included — on Friday. Current affairs topics discussed include: is media treatment of Africa's human disasters a form of pornography for the advanced world? Medical advice includes: avoid watching monkeys climbing trees: you'll get a sore neck. Photography hint: you need a good eye for images that are potentially the defining icons of the coming weekend. Social affairs: under the headline "Bouncing Czechs" the question is posed: why is it that Czechoslovakian men are so reluctant to wear underwear? Shopping guide: be careful when buying a dressing gown from trappist monks. You may end up with a tractor.

**Mining the Archive.** *Radio 3. 3pm.*

Director of the Edinburgh Festival for five of its 50 years, Sir John Drummond selects highlights from its first half-century. We have come to expect anecdotes from him and he does not disappoint us. Nor are we disappointed in the matter of spoken word extracts which he picks from the BBC archives, including Beecham explaining why he originally cold-shouldered the Edinburgh Festival, then in characteristically Olympian fashion, relented. In the first of four programmes, the items Sir John chooses include Beethoven's *Consecration of the House* overture, the first movement of his Quartet Op 59 No 3 and the "choral" symphony. **Peter Davalle**

DIVING

# Fu establishes monopoly of the board game

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

YOU will remember Fu Mingxia. She gave us the abiding image of the Barcelona Games: the Chinese high diver, a waif in a trance of concentration silhouetted against the Montjuic sky. There she won the platform diving gold medal at the age of 13, and we hoped then to see a good deal more of her.

We have. Thirty pounds more, to be precise, plus an extra inch of height that takes her to 5ft 2in and nine stone. She won the platform event here in Atlanta and then went for the springboard competition as well: the diver's double. In Barcelona, she was too slight a thing to generate power from the springboard.

Well, four years ago she was a little girl, half-bewildered by her own gift. These days, she is halfway to being a woman, and a woman of power.

Not that you would know, if you caught her face in repose, which admittedly is something you hardly ever do. I have seen such a face a million times on Hong Kong ferries: pleasant, animated, commonplace. A short flop of black hair with a straightish parting. The gossip and laughter of such people filled my ears on a thousand Hong Kong journeys, and Fu would fit into the crowds without turning a head. Though the big, lopsided smile that erupts without warning might make you smile back.

But in competition, you cannot take your eyes from her. Spookily composed, self-hypnotised. And utterly without fear. She began her final set of five dives with an inward dive: throwing down the gauntlet, for most competitors like to get their eye in with something less alarming.

Safe options? The words have no meaning for Fu. I have watched her diving from the ten-metre platform: unusually, and frequently, she gets so close to the edge that her fringe flicks the board on her way down. Yet she has never bashed her head on the platform.

Her confidence in her mastery of that narrow corridor of space is complete: and that, not the tumbles, is what diving is all about. At this level, anyone can turn 3½ somersaults in the air. But to do them so precisely that you hit the water like an arrow, that is diving. A test of courage and spatial understanding. It is an arcane way to seek perfection, but when it comes it is obvious: a different sound as diver hits water. Not a double splash and a dramatic cloud of spray; a monosyllabic rip.

So there stands Fu, backwards on the springboard. No other competitor, it seems, gets so close to the edge. Of the springboard, of everything. Not as a matter of daring: it is just her natural place. The schoolgirl flop has gone: the hair is now swept back from the forehead in a brief, black and dripping mane.

And the pleasant face has turned inward, every aspect of body and mind turned to the mastering of space. "I am very well prepared psychologically," she said afterwards, when we asked her about her edge. "I was not concentrating on gold. I was concentrating on each dive."

She has lost the little-girl-gymnast's body. She has added the dimension of power to the grace she always possessed. The fourth round was where it told. It was a tight competition until then. Fu gave us a reverse 2½ somersaults, piked: soaring high to spin back *in* and attack the board. It was the round where each of her rivals told herself: this is my chance, seize it.

And missed. Not Fu. The aerial gymnastics were performed in a flash, and she had all the time in the world to transform herself into an arrow. A soft, decisive rip. And the rest could squabble about second. Fu becomes the first woman to do the diver's double since Ingrid Kramer, of Germany, in 1960; she, too, was 17. No diver has won more than four golds, or more than five medals in total. Will you be back in Sydney? Fu smiled. She is not retiring. Just taking each dive as it comes.

AMY SANCETTA

Fu's grace and power were evident as she captured the springboard gold

"In 1992, I was a little girl," she said. "I am older and I am heavier now, and I use different strategies that work to my advantage. I have also grown a lot in terms of experience — and that is why the gold medal means a lot to me this time."

She won the first on talent alone, almost a passive victim of her own ability. But this time she knew what it was about. Some of us achieve grown-upness by a love affair or an adventure abroad: others, though not many, with a gold medal.

And the lonely search for perfection continues. It is a hard, often brutal way of life. No one gets that good at anything on talent alone. The routines for flexibility are like a daily stretching on the rack, with your trainer pushing, pulling and, *in extremis*, standing on top of you. What is the worst exercise you have to do, Miss Fu?

"The exercise I hate most is the one I don't do well," she said. There, in a line, is this girl, the woman with three diving golds. The eyes, once again, but briefly, two small stones.

# Coleman no longer cuts the mustard

MATTHEW BOND ON THE TELEVISION MARATHON

After 13 late nights in a row (a figure that exceeds even the wildest excesses of my second year at university), I have begun to hear voices. They arrive any time after 1am and they argue incessantly.

"Excellent," says the voice of the Olympic purist, taking up position on my left shoulder as David Coleman announces that coming soon are three heats of the men's 5,000 metres, "that'll take us up nicely to the women's springboard at 3.30am, with perhaps a little live basketball to follow. Anyone fancy a cup of tea?"

"Go to bed, bonehead," says the voice of the pragmatic patriot on my right shoulder: "Christie, Regis, Ridgeon . . . the only way you're going to see a medal in this stadium is in your dreams. Night, night."

On Wednesday night the voice of the Olympic purist prevailed until the excitement of the women's 100 metres hurdles final and the triple jump produced a natural hiatus at around 2.15am. "Still to come . . ." enthused an eager Coleman, "three heats of the men's . . ." "Bed," hissed the voice in my right ear, "go to bed." Well, you can only be an Olympic purist for so long.

By that time, thanks to an early start to the semi-finals of the women's 100 metres hurdles, I had already enjoyed 3½ hours of BBC coverage, coverage which I am reliably informed is superior to anything being shown in the United States. The question is, could it have been even better? I think it could.

After his inevitable failure in the second round of the 200 metres, Coleman accurately pointed out that Linford Christie had fallen victim to "the next generation". But what happens to sprinters applies to commentators too and, after ten summer Olympiads, Coleman should follow Christie's example and retire. His commentary is simply not what it was. He should make way and let us remember him as the voice of athletics.

His natural successor is in place, in the authoritative shape of Stuart Storey, who has had a cool, calm and, above all, accurate Olympics. If Storey finds Merlene Ottey where we expect to see Juliet Cuthbert, it is because the athletes have changed heats, not because he is muddled up. He is also prepared to mix it a bit.

After a cracking finish to the final of the women's 100 metres hurdles he tossed in the suggestion that it was time the height of the women's hurdles was raised. That's not a new idea, of course, but it was the right talking point at the right time.

Alongside him, Paul Dickenson has had a pretty decent Games too. Early yesterday morning it was Inessa Kravets who came to his aid with a huge triple jump. "Beamon-esque" might have been pushing it, but we know what he meant.

Both Storey and Dickenson, of course, are former Olympians — Storey in the high hurdles, Dickenson in the hammer — but they are both Olympians of some vintage now. Top priority must be to get some younger blood into the commentary box alongside them.

There is no shortage of candidates. Daley Thompson sounds quite promising, when he is being serious, while Steve Cram and Tim Hutchings are both doing a good job at Eurosport. It is also far from inconceivable that Seb Coe might be looking for a new job next spring. A female voice is also long overdue, in which case, if Sally Gunnell does decide to call it a day, a new job could be waiting.

The problem is that the former athletes of today continue to make huge fortunes from marketing tomorrow. But just as the country needs to invest in the future of British athletics, so the BBC needs to invest in the future of its commentary team. It could be cheque book time.

WORD-WATCHING

**Answers from page 35**

**ABALONE**

**(c) A gastropod mollusc of the genus *Haliotis*, used for food: an ear-shell or sea-ear. From the Spanish *abulón*, Monterey Indian *aulun*, in the same sense.**

**CACUMINAL**

**(a) Of sounds: produced with the tip of the tongue "inverted" or curved upwards towards the hard palate. From the Latin *cacumen* tip, transferred into *cacuminate* in Phonetics. "The term cacuminal (or cerebral, or inverted) is applied to a frontal orientation, in which the point of the tongue is turned up and back."**

**DYBBUK**

**(b) In Jewish folklore, the malevolent spirit of a dead person that enters and controls the body of a living person until exorcised. From the Hebrew *dibbūk*, verb *dābak* to cling or cleave. "An old Jew who muttered jargon into as rabbi's beard as if saying a spell against Dybbuks."**

**BOSKOP**

**(b) Of or belonging to the early type of man indicated by the skull of the late Pleistocene period found at Boskop, in the Transvaal, South Africa. "The Boskop man was of the Neanderthal race, but more advanced in intelligence."**

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rlb4! (1 ... R7b4! Works equally well) 1 ... axb4 2 Qh6+ Kxh6 3 Bf8+ Kh5 4 Be2 mate. Without the initial rook sacrifice, Black would be able to play 4 ... Qg4 in the final position.

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**FM** Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening, incl Golden Hour **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from the Priory Park in Southend **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson, incl Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00am** Annie Nightingale **5.00** Charlie Jordan

## RADIO 2

**FM** Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Comedy Quiz, hosted by Pam Ayres **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Every Living Thing **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** The Cambridge Folk Festival **12.05am** Charles Nove

## RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.00am** Morning Reports **6.00** The Olympic Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck, with Katie Derham **2.00** Inverdale's Olympics Includes the opening rounds of the sprint relays Plus racing from Goodwood **5.30** Nationwide **7.00** Olympic News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports and Olympic Roundup **7.45** Atlanta Live, with Sybil Roscoe and Ian Payne Includes the women's tennis finals and yachting from Savannah **10.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **11.00** Inverdale's Olympics Includes the men's hockey finals and more of the boxing semi-finals **4.00am** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

## TALK RADIO

**6.30am** Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST.** News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **5.45** Folk Routes **6.30** Europe Today **6.45** Words and Music **6.50** The Insider's Guide **7.05** Olympic Sportsworld **7.30** Rock Salad **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Pick of the World **9.15** Music Review **9.45** Poems by Post **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Focus on Faith **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Science in Action **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack Alternative **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **7.30** Focus on Faith **9.01** Proms '96 **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** For and Against **11.30** The New Europe **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.10** Spotlight **12.15** The Insider's Guide **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack Alternative **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Atlanta Live **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Atlanta Live **4.05** Atlanta Live **4.30** The Vintage Chart Show

## CLASSIC FM

**4.00am** Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Margaret Howard **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert. Purcell (Come Ye Sons of Art Away, Z323). Delius (Cynara): Bliss (A Colour Symphony) Elgar (Enigma Variations) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

## VIRGIN RADIO

**6.00am** Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00am** Howard Pearce

## RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air.** With Andrew McGregor Beethoven (Violin Sonata in F, Op 24, Spring), Respighi (Fountains of Rome), Mozart (Horn Concerto No 4 in E flat, K495); Bach (Partita No 1 in B flat, BWV 825), Verdi (Overture: The Force of Destiny); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1, Classical)

**9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini.** Stravinsky (Fireworks), Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 126): Bizet (Symphony in C)

**10.00 Musical Encounters.** Hindemith (Trauermusik): Glazunov (Incidental music The King of the Jews, Acts 1 and 2): Zipoli, arr Ginastera (Toccata), Bruch (Romance Op 85), Prokofiev (Russian Overture) **11.09** Carl Vine (Piano Sonata), Bach, orch Stokowski (Notturno)

**12.00 Composer of the Week: Handel**

**1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Bartok Plus.** Gyorgy Pauk, violin Roger Vignoles, piano Beethoven (Violin Sonata in C minor Op 30 No 2), Bartok (Violin Sonata No 2) (r)

**2.00 Music Restored,** from St James's Church, Piccadilly in London. Montserrat Figueras, soprano, Andrew Lawrence-King, harp, Jordi Savall, viola da gamba. Includes works by Tobias Hume, Juan Hidalgo, Jose Marin and Tarquino Merula

**3.00 Mining the Archive: Edinburgh International Festival.** See Choice (1/4)

**5.00 The Music Machine,** with Tommy Pearson

**5.15 In Tune.** Johann Strauss, son (Overture Die Fledermaus); Bliss (Conversation), Mozart (Serenade in G, K525, Eine kleine nachtsmusik)

**7.30 BBC Proms 1996.** Live from the Albert Hall in London Maria Bayo, soprano, Susan Gritton, soprano, Andreas Scholl, countertenor, Jamie MacDougall, tenor, Peter Kooy, bass, Choir of New College Oxford, Choir of Winchester Cathedral, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under René Jacobs. Bach (Orchestral Suite No 3 in D, BWV 1068), Handel (Giulio Cesare, excerpts) **8.05** The Christian Church Was Born in Song. Jeremy Summerly and guests discuss why praising God through song has such a widespread appeal **8.25** Proms Part 2: Bach (Magnificat in D, BWV 243)

**9.15 Lost in London.** The Crystal Palace (5/5)

**9.30 Tales from the East.** Thomas Trotter, organ Roussel (Joueurs Agni Yavishta). Stephen Coombs and Christopher Scott, pianos. Ravel Ouverture de feerie: Sheherazade)

**10.00 BBC Proms 1996.** Live from the Albert Hall in London The Calcutta Drum Orchestra performs a selection of Indian classical drum music

**12.00 Composer of the Week: Kurt Weill** (r)

**1.00am Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Bach **2.30** Brahms and Enescu **3.40** Weber, Brahms, Dennis and Françaix **4.35** Bax **5.00** Sequence

## RADIO 4

**5.55am** Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Speak after the Beep (4/4) **8.58** Weather

**9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs.** The novelist Julian Barnes (r)

**9.45 Feedback,** with Chris Dunkley

**10.00 News; Survivors (FM** only). John Man presents a new series of tales of human endurance. Two oil workers, Mike Teesdale and Ivan Manning, found themselves part of Saddam Hussein's human shield during the Gulf War (1/6)

**10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)**

**10.15 On This Day (LW)**

**10.30 Woman's Hour**

**11.30 The Deep Season: The Natural History Programme,** with Joanna Pinnock

**12.00 News; You and Yours,** with Chris Choi

**12.35pm The Deep Season: One for the Pot.** Lionel Kelleway hunts down crab and lobster along the South Wales coast (2/4) **12.55** Weather

**1.00 The World at One**

**1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

**2.00 News; The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles: Dr Thorne,** by Anthony Trollope. With John Wood and Leo McKern (2/3) (r)

**3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift**

**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Tim Marlow reads a fictional account of the life of artist Henri Matisse

**4.45 Short Story: The Swaddling Clothes,** by Yukio Mishima. Read by Elizabeth Bell

**5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55 Weather**

**6.00 Six O'Clock News**

**6.30 Growing Spaces.** Sir Roy Strong visits a secret Victorian garden which has recently been unearthed and restored

**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**

**7.20 Pick of the Week,** with Chris Serle

**8.05 In the Dock:** Banks. The series in which Sue Cameron cross-examines some of Britain's key institutions and professions (2/6)

**8.50 Home Rules.** A series that looks at how different households operate (1/4) (r)

**9.15 Letter from America,** by Alistair Cooke

**9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: A Walk on the Water.** Paul Doust explores the history of seaside piers (r) **9.59** Weather

**10.00 The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig

**10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address,** by Lee Langley. Abridged by Yvonne Antrobus, read by Juliet Stevenson (5/9)

**11.00 The Sunday Format.** See Choice

**11.25 Fourth Column,** with Bill Tidy

**11.45 The Big Umbrella.** Leading thinkers present radio essays on original ideas. This week's reader is Nigel Lewis (1/5)

**12.00 News** incl **12.27am** approx Weather

**12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History.** William Hope reads Donna Tartt's thriller (5/15) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

**FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1.** FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO UK.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

# Sassenachs ahead on low road to laughter

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Between them, Ian Pattison and Simon Nye have the British sit-com pretty much sewn up. North of the border scarcely a chuckle goes into production without Pattison knowing about it, while in the south Nye's comedy empire expands with each commissioning season. One day, perhaps, someone will persuade them to team up and give the world its first ever sit-com set in Berwick-upon-Tweed . . . or maybe Carlisle. But wherever it is and whatever it is called (*Para Hadrian? Fly Fishermen Behaving Badly?*) two things are certain. Its cast will be largely male and it will be very, very rude.

But until that great day dawns, we continue to assess their work separately. Last night was the final opportunity for a bit of compare and contrast, with the current season of Nye's **Men Behaving Badly** (BBC1) coming to an end, while Pattison's ***Atletico Partick*** *still struggles to find its feet.*

Well, you could just say that *Men Behaving Badly* was very funny and *Atletico Partick* wasn't. This has *the dual advantage of* being brief and reasonably honest, but the disadvantage of *leaving me* with niggling doubts. Doubts that this *somehow isn't being fair to* Pattison, whose writing is normally pretty *reliable, doubts about* how his series differs and disappoints when *compared to the far* more promising pilot show last year and doubts *about whether* I'm taking the whole thing just too seriously. *After all, I did laugh* when François, the football team's new, gay ballet coach, *started* playing "he loves me, he loves me *not*" with a bag of chips.

By contrast, I have virtually no *doubts about Men Behaving Badly* which signed off with an out*standing exploration of the full* tragedy of the male condition, writ *as only* Nye knows how. Like Pattison. *Nye exploits stereotypes.* Nye does rude stuff, but he gets away *with it* because Gary and Tony are more firmly based in the real *world than a bunch of numpties* playing in the Patel Brothers *Streaky Bacon Sunday League.*

Last *night's episode was almost too painful to watch, as the inevitability of what* happened when Debs and Dorothy *went away for a sailing* weekend came to pass. As Dorothy *said, it was a chance for Gary to* have some "quality bloke time and *more lager space". What it was, of* course, was a chance for Gary to *have his way with one of the girls* next door.

*Quite how he managed it with* chat up lines such as "your lips are *like liver" and putting on* Chas 'n' Dave rather than mellow jazz is *difficult to understand. Suffice it to* say she was a woman of independent mind: "I think we should go to bed now." Ah, the bed thing.

*Before we got there,* Tony's new found passion for carpentry had given Nye *the opportunity for* some superior slapstick (Tony *having inevitably built* a wooden barbecue) and a well-aimed dig at *the current vogue for discovering* the inner man. "I've had a really great day . . . building stuff," he shouted at his own reflection. There was also lots of dancing round the flat (to the Bee Gees, naturally) which personally I don't think we can ever have enough of.

But it was the morning-after that *added the piquancy and pathos* that will stay in the memory. "Have you got *everything?*" asked Gary. Carol thought about it: "*Earrings, underwear, slight sense* of awkwardness." Yes that was *everything. The scene was beautifully* played by Martin Clunes and *by Liz Carling as Carol, as was the* subsequent one where Dorothy *came home to discover . . .* a slight variation of the truth. As the *woman who knew something had* happened but preferred not to *know, Caroline Quentin was* outstanding."

*According to Lachie of Atletico Partick*, the traditional Glasgow *night out involves* "getting traditionally pished, having the traditional kebab followed by the traditional fight outside a nightclub". David Greig gave this cliché some*thing of a reworking in the highly* promising screenplay **Nightlife**, *the latest from BBC2's Double Exposure* season for new writers.

Rarely will a new writer get *the chance to see his work* look as good, or as expen*sive, as this did. There were* helicopter shots, tower shots and *because this was post-Shallow Grave* Glasgow, a beautiful flat to boot. *In it we found Robin (Katrin* Cartlidge), a young woman who *had locked her front door (several* times) and now viewed the world *through the huge zoom lens of her* tripod-mounted camera.

*If Cartlidge was the star (and* she was very good) her co-star was *the park she lived opposite. A thing* of municipal beauty during the day, it became a *far more menacing* place at night, a place for *furtive couplings in the bushes, for* drug dealing and for Jane Horrocks to practice her Scottish accent. *To my untrained ear it was* coming along nicely.

Any film that involves zoom lenses and parks owes an obvious *debt to Antonioni's Blow-Up* and this was repaid with a jaunty 1960s pop-song *over the opening titles.* At the end you half expected a *heavily side-burned young man to* jump into an open-top sports car, *or a mini-skirted girl to throw her* crocheted beret in the air, but alas *they did not.*

Like David Hemmings, Robin wasn't sure what she had seen through her lens, although Greig's *tendency to tie up loose ends* (rather than loosen them as Anto*nioni did) meant we were left in* little doubt. She had not witnessed *a kidnapping at all,* but an elaborate sado-masochistic gay *fantasy. Not quite the night out* that the lads of *Atletico Partick* had in mind.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

**6.00am Business Breakfast** (56260)
**7.00 Olympic Breakfast.** Overnight action from Atlanta. Featured events include the finals of the men's 200m and 400m hurdles and the women's 1500m semi-finals. Plus basketball, volleyball, hockey and football. Includes **7.15**, **7.45** and **8.15** news (s) (76821)
**9.00 News** (Ceefax) (9597550)
**9.05 Olympic Grandstand.** Extended highlights including the decathlon, equestrianism, boxing, basketball and the finals of the women's hockey and *football tournaments.* Includes **11.00** and **12.00** News and weather (s) *(31203444)*
**12.35pm Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (6026314)
**1.00 News & Weather** (Ceefax) (86208)
**1.30 Regional News** (42300463)
**1.40 Olympic Grandstand.** The opening rounds of the 4x100m and 4x400m relays and qualifying for the men's javelin final. The men's 50km walk takes place and there are also the final stages of competition in the archery and canoeing (73474956)
**5.35 Neighbours** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (372314)
**6.00 News & Weather** (Ceefax) (85)
**6.30 Regional news magazines** (37)
**7.00 Essential Olympics.** Desmond Lynam *introduces live action from the women's* tennis singles final. Plus *a review of last night's athletic action (Ceefax)* (10173)
**8.30 EastEnders.** Nellie has a surprise for *Mark and Ruth (Ceefax) (s)* (9482)
**9.00 News; Regional News; Weather** (2032)
**9.30 Chicago Hope.** Doctors perform two operations simultaneously on a dying patient. Kronk discovers that his girlfriend was once a man and there is trouble for Saunders as a fight with a group health plan threatens to destroy his private *practice (Ceefax) (s) (868821)*
**10.20 Olympic Grandstand.** Live action from *track and field. The 4x100m quartet* boasts the talents of Linford Christie, *John Regis and Darren Braithwaite.* British record holder Roger Black, *Du'aine Ladejo and Iwan Thomas run in* the individual event and should make the relay team. **10.30** Hockey **11.50** Pole Vault final **11.55** Woman's shot final **12.00** Women's 4x100m relay semi-final **12.15am** Women's long jump final **12.35** Men's 4x100m semi-finals **1.00** Men's 4x400m semi-finals **2.05** Men's steeplechase final **2.30** Women's 10,000m final. Plus yachting, boxing, volleyball and diving (s) (36799227)
**4.25 What a Carry On!** A compilation of slapstick and double entendres from the *Carry On* films. Featuring the combined might of Sidney James, Hattie Jacques, Kenneth Williams, Joan Sims, Frankie Howerd, Charles Hawtrey and Kenneth *Connor (r) (45283512)*
**4.55 FILM: She Done Him Wrong** (1933) In one of her most *celebrated roles,* Mae West plays Lady Lou, a feisty star *performer in an 1890s Bowery beer hall.* She falls for a man who claims to be the *captain of a local* mission, but is in fact an undercover cop. Also starring Cary Grant. Directed by Lowell Sherman (b/w) (43144357) **Ends 6am**

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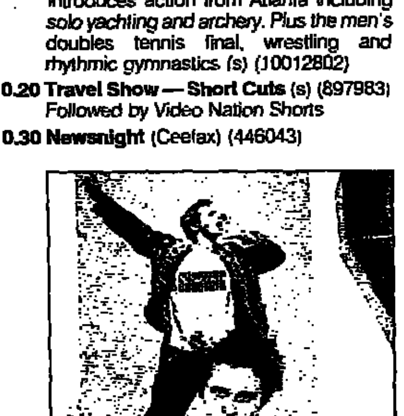
**6.10am Fontainebleau: The Changing Image of Kingship** (3133734) **6.35 Errors Aren't Forever** (2003550) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (94180482)
**9.05 Spiderman** (r) (s) (2362734) **9.25 Bouncing Back: the Best Bits of Johnny Ball** (Ceefax) (s) (7989005) **9.55 Poddington Peas** (r) (7516821) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (2976043) **10.20 Man in a Suitcase** (Ceefax) (2206647) **11.10 A *Passion for Angling*** *(r) (Ceefax) (s)* (9458192) **12.00 The Addams Family** (b/w) (6254937)
**12.25pm The Season** (6257024) **12.55 *Consuming Passions*** *(40446579)* **1.00 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (s) (45335753) **1.15 Open View** (s) (24373598) **1.20 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) *(6091531)*
**2.00 Glorious Goodwood.** Racing action introduced by Julian Wilson including the **2.15; 2.45; 3.20** and **3.50** (5376)
**4.00 Tom and Jerry** (5938024) **4.05 To Me . . . to You** (Ceefax) (s) (3798685) ***4.30 Pirates*** *(r) (Ceefax) (34)* **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (9033901) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4734531)
***5.35 Olympic Grandstand.*** *Further coverage* including the women's singles tennis final as well as yachting and archery. (s) (4290550)
**7.00 Top of the Pops.** This week's best-selling singles, live performances and pre-release exclusives (9869)
**7.30** CHOICE **Gardeners' World.** Presented by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (Ceefax) (63)
**8.00** CHOICE **War Walks: Waterloo.** (2/6) (Ceefax) (s) (5289)
***8.30 Olympic Grandstand.*** *Sue Barker* introduces action from Atlanta including *solo yachting and archery. Plus the men's* doubles tennis final, wrestling and rhythmic gymnastics (s) (10012802)
**10.20 Travel Show — Short Cuts** (s) (897983) Followed by Video Nation Shorts
**10.30 Newsnight** (Ceefax) (446043)



Simon Munnery as Parker (11.15pm)

**11.15** CHOICE **London Shouting.** Alter*native entertainment show,* hosted by Simon Munnery, in the guise of Alan Parker (489918)
**11.50 Only an Excuse?** Scotland's premier soccer send-up. *With* Alistair McGowan, Jonathan Watson, Gordon Kennedy, Greg Hemphill and Lewis MacLeod (s) (506109) Followed by [illegible]
**12.25am Olympic Grandstand** [illegible] coverage of the men's hockey final. The chances are that the favourites, Germany, will take up one of the places in the final. Plus either the women's basketball final or highlights of the baseball final (s) (67086770)
**4.30 End to End** (79203)

### CHOICE

**Gardeners' World**
*BBC2, 7.30pm*

Again pushed into an earlier slot by the Olympics and with Alan Titchmarsh continuing to cover (more than adequately) for Geoff Hamilton, *Gardeners' World* makes a further break with routine by visiting an art gallery. The occasion is an exhibition in Dulwich of Dutch flower paintings from the 17th and 18th centuries. As this is a gardening show the focus is less *on aesthetics* than on such conundrums as why tulips are sharing a vase with roses *which bloom several weeks later. An art* historian, Paul Taylor, tries to solve the *puzzle.* Otherwise the programme has familiar ingredients. There is a visit to a garden near Oban where a retired couple, both doctors, have overcome the hazards of heavy rainfall and poor drainage. And the legal spot considers redress against invasions of weeds from neighbouring plots.

**War Walks: Waterloo**
*BBC2, except Ireland, 8.00pm*

In his flat hat and classy anorak, looking more than ever like a country squire, Richard Holmes pops over to Belgium to reconstruct the battle that, in the words of Victor Hugo, changed the direction of the world. But the impact of Waterloo is out of all proportion to the small strip of land over which it was fought. The decisive skirmishes took place not over some huge front but around two farmhouses. Nor was it a protracted campaign. Napoleon's guns *opened fire at 11.30am and by 7pm the same* day it was all over. As for Waterloo today, *you would hardly guess that the battle was a* French defeat. Holmes discovers not only a lucrative trade in Napoleon busts but Frenchmen more than willing to dress up as 19th-century soldiers in order to replay an inglorious episode in their country's history.

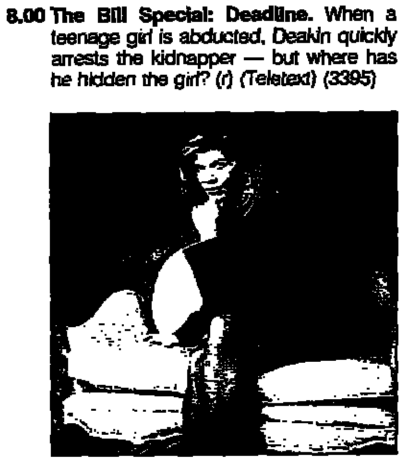
**Savannah**
*ITV, 9.00pm*

Never mind that the acting is robotic or that the scriptwriters have drawn on every cliché in the soap opera book and thrown in a few of their own. Nor that the plot has become so serpentine that only a genius could make sense of it. Well might the hooker Veronica complain at the start of this week's episode that she is "so confused". If she does not know what is going on, how are we expected to? The safe advice is to assume that everybody in this saga of *nasty* rich Americans in the state of Georgia is trying to cheat and blackmail everyone else. Then the drift becomes clear and *Savannah* can be *enjoyed for what it is, a tale so overheated* and preposterous that it is impossible to switch off. It is also, because it takes itself so seriously, exceedingly funny. If only the same could be said for our own *EastEnders.*

**London Shouting**
*BBC2, 11.15pm*

As the title suggests, this is a noisy entertainment. The host, Alan Parker, does nothing but shout and his raucousness is catching. The question, of this shapeless mix of comedy and music, is how much to believe. Amanda, who is sent out to surprise ordinary folk in their homes, is clearly a spoof, presumably inspired by *The Big Breakfast.* Funnier, but no more real, is a report from Lancashire about the hobby of jumping off pillar boxes. Parker himself is a *fiction, the "Urban Warrior" from ITV's Saturday Live.* He is portrayed by Simon Munnery, who wrote the show with Graham Linehan, one half of the *Father Ted* team. There are two resident bands, both genuine. To judge by the audience, *London Shouting* is aimed at the under-thirties. Older viewers may feel a bit left out. **Peter Waymark**

**6.00am GMTV** (4478208)
**9.25 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (r) (Teletext) (s) (7992579)
**9.50 Hope and Gloria** (5311260)
***10.20 News*** *(Teletext) (5644918)*
**10.25 Regional News** (Teletext) (5643289)
**10.30 Cartoon Time** (2557869)
**10.40 Switched at Birth.** Concluding the mini-series about two Florida girls, brought up by the wrong parents (41514289)
**12.20pm Regional News** (Teletext) (1014192)
**12.30 News** and weather (Teletext) (6012111)
**12.55 Sixth Sense** (Teletext) (s) (6097802) ***1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle*** *(Teletext) (s)* (6854802) **2.00 Home and Away** *(Teletext) (s) (87765666)* **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (s) (5216014)
**3.20 News** headlines *(Teletext) (1111956)*
**3.25 Regional News** (Teletext) (1110227)
**3.30 Rosie and Jim** (s) (3219163) **3.40 Billy the Rat** (3114519) **3.55 Zzzap!** (r) (s) *(7236937)* **4.15 Cartoon Time** (5944685) **4.25 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries** *(r) (s) (4810460)* ***4.45 Art Attack*** (1651463)
**5.10 A Country Practice** *(s) (5065227)*
**5.40 News** and weather (Teletext) (898937)
**6.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (338531)
**6.25 HTV News** (Teletext) (422444)
**6.50 Let's Go** (842579)
**7.00 Lucky Numbers.** *Presented by Shane* Richie (Teletext) (s) (6395)
***7.30 Coronation Street.*** The police investigate Nicky's disappearance and Jamie *hears some shocking news* (89)
**8.00 The Bill Special: Deadline.** When a teenage girl is abducted, Deakin quickly arrests the kidnapper — but where has he hidden the girl? *(r)* (Teletext) (3395)



Beth Toussaint is Veronica (9.00pm)

**9.00** CHOICE **Savannah: Playing with the Enemy** (Teletext) (s) (3531)
**10.00 News** and weather (Teletext) (82043)
**10.30 HTV West News and Weather** (317537)
**10.40 FILM: A Change of Seasons** (1980) with Shirley MacLaine, Anthony Hopkins and Bo Derek. A woman retaliates when she discovers that her middle-aged college professor husband is having an affair with a student. Directed by Richard *Lang (82834937)*
**12.40 Stand Up** (8452796) **1.10 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late** *(s)* (7880628)
**2.15 FILM: The Beautiful End of This World** (1983) with Robert Atzorn, Claire Oberman and Gotz George. Environ*mental drama about the attempts to* thwart a German company building a *toxic chemical plant in Australia. Directed* by Rainer Erler (313048)
***4.05 Not Fade Away*** *(r) (s) (8475406)*
**5.00 Best of British Motor Sport** (r) (41932)
**5.30 Morning News** (26777)

**As HTV WEST except:**
**5.10pm Let's Go** (3967598)
***6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight*** (596444)

### WESTCOUNTRY

**As HTV West except:**
**10.30am Murder, She Wrote** (5539956)
**11.25 Side Effects** (9787111)
**12.55pm Coronation Street** (6097802)
**1.25-1.55 Cross Wits** (83615918)
**1.55 Home and Away** (58330821)
**2.25 High Road** (87768753)
**2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary** (1174043)
**5.10 Home and Away** (5065227)
***6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live*** *(94376)*
**10.30 Westcountry News** (317717)
**10.45 Film: Burglar** (23671550)

### CENTRAL

***As HTV West except:***
**10.30am Murder, She Wrote** (5539956)
**11.25 Side Effects** (9787111)
**12.55pm Home and Away** (6097802)
**1.25 Cross Wits** (83615918)
***1.55 A Country Practice*** (89338260)
**2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers** (7401181)
***5.10 Shortland Street*** *(5065227)*
**6.25-7.00 Central News** (596444)
**10.40 Film: Blue Thunder** (82834937)
**12.40am Comedy Central** (4795048)
**1.40 The Good Sex Guide** (8821154)
***2.40 cyber.cafe*** *(1684609)*
**3.10 Dear Nick** (8311319)

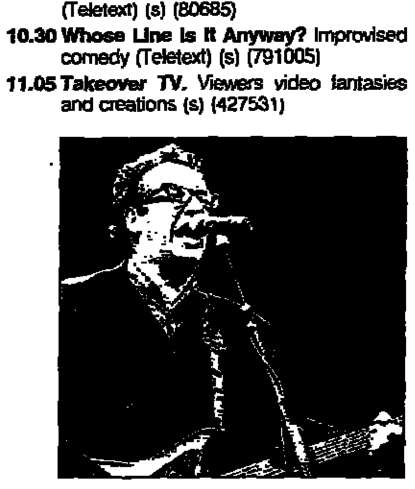
### MERIDIAN

**As HTV West except:**
***9.50-10.20 Sandokan*** *(5311260)*
**10.30 Worzel Gummidge** (67734)
**11.00 Dogtanian** (5666482)
**11.25 Beakman's World** (5676869)
**11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** (4243686)
***12.55pm Coronation Street*** *(6097802)*
**1.25 Home and Away** (83615918)
**1.55-2.20 Shortland Street** (89338260)
**2.20 Murder, She Wrote** (4866573)
**5.10 Home and Away** (5065227)
**6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight** (94376)
**10.45 The Magic and Mystery Show** (599918)
***11.15 Behind the Ball*** *(589531)*
**11.45 Hunter** (778314)
**5.00am Freescreen** (41932)

### S4C

**Starts: *6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*** (2005918) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (69531) **9.00 California Dreams** (7904314) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (7974173) **9.55 Hangin with Mr Cooper** (6113686) **10.20 Pink Panther** (2947531) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (8971956) **11.05 Crystal Maze** (9772289) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (89956) **12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics** (17227) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (6873937) ***1.35 Film: Wife, Husband and Friend*** (8622918) **3.00 Keepers of the Kingdom** (8111) ***4.00 Beckdate*** *(18)* **4.30 Australia Wild** (42) **5.00 5 Pump** (4173) **5.30 *Countdown*** *(82)* ***6.00 Newyddion*** (794173) **6.15 Heno** (245208) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (656869) **7.25 Perthyn?** (807482) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (3685) **8.30 Newyddion** (2192) **9.00 Home to Roost** (3802) **9.30 Dressing for Breakfast** (97463) **10.00 Brookside** (80685) **10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?** (791005) **11.05 Takeover TV** (427531) **11.35 The White Room** (297192) **12.40am D.O.A.** (829154) **2.20 Film: Blood on Satan's Claw** (685777)

**6.35am The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** (r) (2005918)
**7.00 The Big Breakfast** (69531)
**9.00 California Dreams** (r) (7904314) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex** *(r) (s)* (7974173) **9.55 Hangin' with Mr Cooper** (r) (Teletext) (s) (6113686) **10.20 Pink Panther** (r) (s) (2947531) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (r) (s) (8971956)
**11.05 The Crystal Maze** (r) (Teletext) (s) (9772289) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** (r) (89956) **12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics** (r) (Teletext) (17227) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (95622) **2.00 Excursion to the Bridge of Friendship** (47549111)
**2.15 FILM: *Anna Karenina*** (1935). Classic David Selznick production of the romantic tragedy by Leo Tolstoy. Greta Garbo stars as the married 19th-century Russian woman whose passionate affair with a dashing army officer eventually ends in tragedy. Directed by Clarence Brown *(b/w) (Teletext) (305956)*
**4.00 Backdate** (Teletext) (s) (18) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (42) **5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms** (r) (Teletext) (s) *(3208)* ***6.00 Roseanne*** *(r) (Teletext)* (s) (716111) **6.50 Terrytoons** (833821)
**7.00 News and Weather** (Teletext) (654227)
**7.55 Book Choice** (Teletext) (s) (964550)
**8.00 Brookside.** Max and Susannah discover Nat and Georgia's secret (Teletext) (s) (3685)
**8.30 Garden Party.** How to create a plant paradise within the strict framework of a garden (Teletext) (s) (2192)
**9.00 Cybill.** The thrill and glamour of working with a renowned actress fades when Cybill invites her to stay to recuperate from a broken arm (Teletext) (s) (3802)
**9.30 Friends.** Dramatic developments in the relationship between Ross and Rachel. Chandler regrets asking Monica to help him lose weight (Teletext) (s) (97463)
**10.00 Frasier.** Fraser suffers a disaster when a contractor takes his apartment apart (Teletext) (s) (80685)
**10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?** Improvised comedy (Teletext) (s) (791005)
**11.05 *Takeover TV.*** Viewers video fantasies and creations (s) (427531)



Elvis Costello entertains (11.35pm)

**11.35 The White Room.** Live music show presented by Mark Radcliffe. Tonight's guests include Paul Weller, Suede and Elvis Costello (s) (297192)
**12.40am D.O.A.** A poignant documentary of the punk scene during the height of the Sex Pistols' first fame (r) (829154)
**2.20 FILM: Blood on Satan's Claw** (1970). The unearthing of grisly remains unleashes a terrifying outbreak of devil worship. With Patrick Wymark, Linda Hayden and Michele Dotrice (9708574) **Ends 3.50am**

● **For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

### SKY ONE

**7.00am** Undun (21395) **9.00** Press Your *Luck (4330289)* ***9.20*** *Love Connection* (1154598) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (2545260) **10.40** Jeopardy! (4689668) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (8985111) **12.00** Code 3 (13014) **12.30pm** Designing Women (37005) **1.00** Hotel (25260) **2.00** Geraldo (86734) **3.00** Court TV (5444) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5164314) **4.15** Undun (1303937) ***5.00*** *Quantum* Leap (9024) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (45024) **7.00** Spellbound (1163) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9111) **8.00** 3rd Rock from the Sun (6173) **8.30** Jimmy's (5208) ***9.00*** Walker (82579) **10.00** Quantum Leap (85666) **11.00** Highlander (94901) **12.00** Late Show (6300721) **12.45am** *Miracles and Other Wonders* (6787628) **1.30** Smoul*dering Lust (15628)* **2.00** Hit Mix

### SKY NEWS

News on the hour
**9.30am** Century (61145) **10.30** ABC Nightline (16024) **1.30pm** CBS News (82869) **2.30** CBS News (63463) **3.30** Century (8005) **6.30** Tonight with Adam *Boulton (71482)* **7.30** Sportsline (69821) **8.30** Entertainment (6550) **11.30** CBS News (46111) **12.30am** ABC World News (11390) **1.30** Tonight with Adam *Boulton Replay* (17845) **2.30** Worldwide Report (62970) **3.30** Century (74715) **4.30** CBS News (56222) **5.30** ABC World News (53845)

### SKY MOVIES

**6.00am Tall Story (1960)** (90918) **8.00 Broken Arrow (1950)** (24445208) **9.40 Gypsy (1993)** (23293550) **12.00 Rugged Gold (1993)** (90937) **2.00pm Father Hood (1993)** *(76918)* ***4.00 Young Ivanhoe*** **(1994)** *(84277444)* **5.40 Gypsy (1993)** (32407753) **8.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (1993)** (91227) **10.00 Highlander III: The Sorcerer (1994)** (446289) **11.40 A Better *Tomorrow* (1986)** (526163) **1.15am James Clavell's Tai-pan (1986)** (90508339) **3.20-6.00 Out of Darkness (1990)** (48186067)

### SKY MOVIES GOLD

**12.00 Batman (1966)** (14802) **2.00pm *Come Live with Me*** **(1941)** (41260) **4.00 Come Fill the Cup (1951)** (3260) **6.00 El Dorado (1967)** (61024) **8.00 Seven Days in May (1964)** (73869) **10.00 All the Right Moves (1983)** (628821) **11.40 Betrayed (1988)** (21417463) **1.50am Baby, It's You** *(1982) (871965)* **3.40-5.05 Come Live with Me (1941)** (4407311)

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

**6.00am Hudson's Bay (1940)** (48041996) ***7.35 Peter-no-tail*** **(1982)** (4577376) **9.00 Prehysteria! 2 (1994)** (97260) **10.30 Red Planet (1993)** (87181) **12.00 The Boy on a Dolphin (1957)** (98579) **2.00pm *A Lawless Street*** **(1955)** (67260) **4.00 Prehysteria! 2 (1994)** (3598) **6.00 Death of a Cheerleader (1994)** (35821) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (2821) **8.00 Schemes (1995)** *(99869)* ***10.00*** **Tombstone (1993)** (69094163) **12.10am In the Line of Fire (1993)** (31455883) **2.20 Strapped (1993)** (214303) ***4.05-6.00 Confessions of a*** **Driving Instructor (1976)** (970338)

### THE DISNEY CHANNEL

**Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.**
**6.05am** Quack Attack (74787666) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (64928005) **6.55** Chip 'n Dale (64930840) **7.20** Ducktales *(97826531)* **7.45** Ducktales (87877821) **8.10** Quack Attack (69125111) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (67475005) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (13415869) **9.25** Quack Attack (70757666) **10.00** Shnookums and Meat (97799145) **10.30** Raw Toonage (62188005) **10.55** Chip 'n' Dale (52054376) **11.20** Chip 'n' *Dale (49200647)* ***11.45*** *Wonderland* (71422463) **12.05pm** Lamb Chops Play Along! (76987937) **12.30** Muppet Babies (95684579) **1.00** ***FILM:*** **The Horsemasters** (37991685) **2.30** Eyewit*ness (88590227)* **3.00** Ducktales (31864260) **3.25** Quack Attack (31883395) **3.50** Chip 'n' Dale (21018383) **4.15** *Darkwing Duck (37057208)* **4.40** Darkwing Duck (48966647) **5.00** Gargoyles (39665043) **5.30** Shnookums and Meat (88597043) **6.00** Raw Toonage (63102734) **6.20** Emerald Cove (33445192) **6.30 FILM: Disney's the Light in the Forest** (40085260) **8.00 FILM: One of Our Dinosaurs Is Missing** (40000579) **9.30-10.00** Zorro (95697043)

### EUROSPORT

**6.00am** Good Morning Atlanta (32260) **7.00** *Football* (61937) **9.00** Athletics (35024) **11.00** Olympic Team Spirit (60208) **12.00** Diving (80228) **1.00pm** Athletics (11956) **2.00** Live Canoeing *(61619604)* ***4.15*** *Live* Rhythmic Gymnastics (5736460) **5.00** Live Diving (7208) **6.00** Live Tennis (25208) **8.00** Olympic Extra (7685) **8.30** Live Rhythmic Gymnastics (39289) **9.30** Athletics (58127) **10.00** Live Synchronized Swimming (2974005) **11.15** Archery (214666) **12.00** Olympic Special (94116) **12.30am** Live *Field Hockey (85785)* **2.30** Live Boxing (29932) **3.00** Live Diving (54339) **5.00** Good Morning Atlanta (23574) **5.30** Athletics

### SKY SPORTS

**7.00am** Formula Three Racing *(70685)* **7.30** Wrestling — Action Zone (20444) **8.30** Racing News (67647) **9.00** Aerobics *(81227)* **9.30** Futbol Mundial (94289) **10.00** Boots 'n' All (55376) **11.00** Tight Lines (68840) **12.00** Aerobics (61463) **12.30pm** Trans World Sport (29314) **1.30** Formula Three Racing (97376) **2.00** European Golf: Scandinavian Masters — Live (332598) **5.00** Wrestling — Raw (5840) **6.00** Sports Centre (865395) **6.05** 101 Premiership *Goals (197640)* ***7.00*** *Super League — Live* (293078) **8.30** Golf: Andersen Consulting Championship — Rest of the World Semi-(67531) **11.30** Sky Sports Centre (111753) **11.45** European Golf: Scandinavian Masters (141840) **1.15am** Super League (534135) **3.15-3.30** Sports Centre

### SKY SPORTS 2

**7.00pm** WDC World Matchplay Darts Semi-finals — Live (9479647) **11.00** Finish Line (5847444) **11.30** Trans World Sport (9537869) **12.30-1.00am** Velo-cycling Magazine (1086067)

### THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

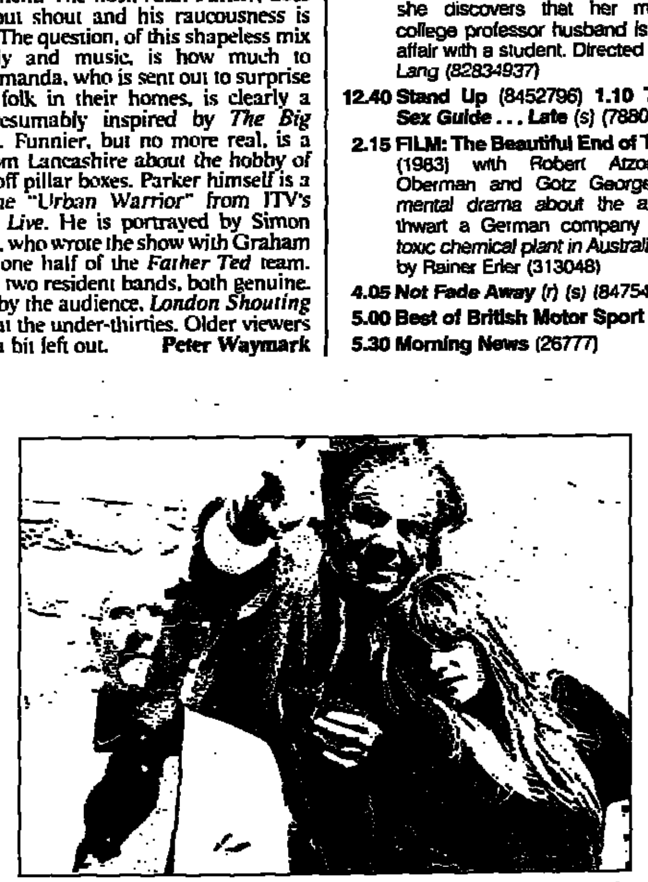
**4.00am** Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Power **5.00** Kenneth and Gloria Copeland: Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Marilyn Hickey Today with Marilyn **6.15** Benny Hinn This Is *Your Day* ***6.45-7.00*** *Good Morning Europe*

### SKY SOAP

**7.00am** Guiding Light (9756555) **7.55** As the World Turns (9605043) **8.50** Peyton Place (5602956) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (5835734) **10.10-11.00** Another World

### SKY TRAVEL

**11.00am** Boomerang (5655463) **11.30** American Vacation (3520579) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (4077537) **1.00** Getaway (2938314) **1.30** Great Escapes (5427078) **2.00** Florida (2407463) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (8669004) **3.00** Globetrotter (2426598) **3.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (4573145) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop



Pleasence, Stander and Dorleac in *Cul-de-Sac* (Bravo, 10.00pm)

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

**4.00pm** Weapons at War (5679043) **5.00** Ancient Mysteries (2400550) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Robin Hood (9122686)

### THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8am-2am** on cable and **1am-4am**, plus **7pm-10pm** Monday-Wednesday, on satellite
**1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9793228) **2.00-4.00 FILM: Killer Bees**

### TLC

**9.00am** The Joy of Painting (7398043) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (9303260) **10.00** Classic Cars (6023192) **10.30** Classic Cars (7394227) **11.00** Roadrunner (5999821) **11.30** Roadrunner (5990550) **12.00** Julia Child (7385579) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (9314376) **1.00** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (2768444) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (9313647) **2.00** Our *House (7849163)* **2.30** Garden Club (3016294) **3.00** Two's Country (2899460) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (2361901)

### UK GOLD

**7.00am** Happy Ever After (2769531) **7.30** Neighbours *(2788668)* **8.00** Angels (7377550) **8.30** I Love Lucy (7376821) **9.00** The Bill (7367173) **9.30** The Sullivans (9312918) **10.00** Poldark (2777550) **11.00** *Bullseye (5908579)* **11.30** Tellystack (5909208) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7387937) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9316734) ***1.00*** *Till Death Us Do Part (8498550)* **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (9341531) **2.15** The Liver Birds (9037685) **2.50** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (3654444) **3.30** The Bill (6066519) **4.00** One by One (87905395) **5.05** Tellystack (85831802) **5.35** Bullseye (7810024) **6.05** You Rang, M'Lord? (2369901) **7.05** The Good Old Days (5111685) **8.00** Chalk and *Cheese (5944537)* ***8.30*** *Ever Decreasing* Circles (3713260) **9.05** Casualty (9150376) **10.05** The Bill (2324666) **10.40** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (5369208) **11.20 FILM: Carry on Emmannuelle** (9419734) **1.00am** *Minder (8905883)* **1.55-3.00** *Shopping*

### TCC

**6.00am** Tiny TCC (81550) **7.00** Tiny and *Crew (2933289)* ***7.15*** Rosie and Jim (1789869) **7.30** Greedysaurus and the Gang (2805937) **7.40** 10+2 (3849482) **7.50** Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay (3845666) **8.00** Barney and Friends (13840) ***8.30*** *Dinobabies* (12111) **9.00** Art Attack (76573) **9.30** Byker Grove (49753) **10.00** Heartbreak High (63666) **11.00** Madison (47956) **11.30** Hang Time (48685) **12.00** Degrassi Junior High (23227) **12.30pm** Pugwall's Summer (50869) **1.00** California Dreams (54918) **1.30** Meltdown: No Naked Flames (42840) **2.00** Ready or Not (6111) ***2.30*** *Madison (2260)* **3.00** Heartbreak High (19173) **4.00** California Dreams (6840) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (2024)

### NICKELODEON

**8.00am** *Bananas in Pyjamas* (5808024) **6.15** Mr Men (5803579) **6.30** Babar (47969) **7.00** Littlest Pet Shop (78227) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (57734) **8.00** Biker Mice from Mars (66918) **8.30** Mighty Max (65289) **9.00** Rugrats (61260) **10.00** Real Monsters (21821) **10.30** Doug (78753) **11.00** Rocko's Modern Life (94940) **11.30** Pete and Pete (27799) **12.00** Alex Mack (69005) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (96647) **1.00** Santo Bugito (77598) **1.30** Capital *Critters (95918)* **2.00** Ferrals (3145) **2.30** Mighty Max (5444) **3.00** Biker Mice from Mars (9802) **3.30** Real Monsters (8289) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (2604) **4.30** Rugrats (6208) **5.00** Sister Sister (3482) **6.00** Alex Mack (7173) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1753)

### DISCOVERY

**4.00pm** Done Bell (5980173) **5.00** Time Travellers (3144555) **5.30** Jurassica 2 (3711442) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9322395) **7.00** Wild Things: Human/Nature (9744799) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (2561109) **8.00** Natural Born Killers (1729192) **9.00** Justice Files (1749956) **10.00** Top *Marques: Alfa Romeo (7386208)* ***10.30*** *Top* Marques: Citroen (7395956) **11.00-12.00** Unexplained (2776821)

### BRAVO

**12.00** *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (7372005) **12.30pm** The Adventures of William Tell (9301802) **1.00** The Buccaneers (2793598) **1.30** The Adventures of Sir Lancelot (9300173) **2.00** Man from Interpol (3249109) **2.30** *The New Adventures of* Charlie Chan (3911640) **3.00** The Saint (5998192) **4.00 FILM: Underwater** (4499442) **6.00** UFO (9319821) **7.00** The Gossip Show (1747598) **8.00** The Time *Tunnel (1723918)* **9.00** *Hammer House of* Horror (1736482) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Cul-de-Sac** (5997463)

### PARAMOUNT

**7.00pm** *Family Ties (4111)* **7.30** Entertainment (7937) **8.00** Wings (3901) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (9666) **9.00** Soap (81376) **9.30** Taxi (58181) **10.00** Entertainment (60734) **10.30** The Critic (79482) **11.00** Dr Katz (86821) **11.30** Nightstand (99227) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (84241) **1.00** Laverne and Shirley (48280) **1.30** Taxi (59086) **2.00** *Entertainment* (53999) **2.30** The Critic (32406) **3.00-4.00** Nightstand

### UK LIVING

**6.00am** Kilroy (7582753) **7.00** Esther *(7282314)* **7.30** The Young and the Restless (8437821) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (6040043) **8.30** Gardeners' World *(4304444)* ***9.00*** *Masterchef 1993 (7553918)* **9.35** Kate and Allie (5483579) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (7827024) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (5372043) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7593956) **11.55** Food and Drink (5140395) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (6137869) **1.20** Catchword (2190937) **2.00** Cagney and Lacey *(3215024)* ***3.00*** *The Summer Show* (1801802) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7558289) **4.30** Crosswits (5241840) **5.05** Lingo (64059918) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7561753) **6.00** Bewitched (7569666) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6314821) **7.05** Delia Smith's Summer Collection (1532799) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (9299463) **8.00** Street Legal *(1867376)* **9.00 FILM: *The Kidnapping of* Baby John Doe** (1860463) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone (7268734)

### FAMILY CHANNEL

**5.00pm** Road to Avonlea (6598) **6.00** Batman (9519) **6.30** Catchphrase (4889) **7.00** All Clued Up (7227) **7.30** The Byrds of *Paradise (58753)* ***8.30*** *Only When I Laugh* (5482) **9.00** The Father Dowling Mysteries (55463) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (58550) **11.00** Sirens (64395) **12.00** The Byrds of Paradise (63116) **1.00am** Batman (48406) **1.30** The Father Dowling Mysteries (69767) **2.30** All Together Now (78222) **3.00** Big Brother Jake (51970) **3.30** GP (69574) **4.00-5.00** *Road to Avonlea (57939)*

### MTV

**7.30am** Body Double 3 (69840) **8.00** Morning Mix (744444) **11.00** Dance Floor (45260) **12.00** Greatest Hits (31734) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (20463) **3.00** *Select MTV (11531)* **4.00** Hanging Out Summertime (70444) **5.30** Dial MTV (5734) **6.00** Hanging Extra (2647) **6.30** MTV News Weekend Edition (6227) **7.00** Dance Floor (68937) **8.00** Celebrity Mix (77685) **9.00** *Singled Out (29550)* **9.30** MTV Amour (66585) **10.30** Chere MTV (26014) **11.00** Party Zone (12192) **1.00am** Videos (3812203) ***5.00*** *Awake on the Wildside*

### VH-1

**7.00am** Power Breakfast (2937685) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (4884640) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3722640) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (1722460) **2.00** Ten of the Best (5960024) **3.00** Into the Music (9746753) **6.00** Happy Hour (7322604) **7.00** VH-1 for You (2092537) **8.00** Sounds of the 70s *(3429685)* **8.30** *Weekend Review (2408192)* **9.00** Ten of the Best (7659271) **10.00** The '80s Vinyl Years (3442078) **11.00** Around *and Around (2917821)* ***12.00*** *The Nightfly* Rocks (1829898) **2.00am** *Dawn Patrol*

### CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable,** including **5pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6pm-7pm** Big Ticket

### ZEE TV

**7.00am** Jaagran (37243043) **7.30** Life Style East (27400531) **8.30** A Taste of Success (57170192) **9.00** Shri Krishna (57161444) **9.30** Namaste India (92676802) **10.00** Usha Uthup Show (91216463) **10.30** *Darya (57190956)* ***11.00*** *Zalke Ka Safar* (40269314) **11.30** Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup (40260043) **12.00** Andaz (57181208) **12.30pm** Parivartan (92687918) **1.00 FILM: Bengali Film** (20999937) **4.00** Mere Saath Chal (40709647) **4.30** Sona Chandi (40798531) **5.00** Zee Zone (95417424) **5.30** Zee Presents (15192314) ***6.30*** *Zee and You* (40700376) **7.00** SBCD (72017668) **7.30** Aahaa (40799260) **8.00** News (56712276) **8.30** Antakshari (81562573) ***9.00-12.00*** *Hit Star Season* (45716840)

### CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

**Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.**
**7.00pm WCW Nitro on TNT (Where the Big Boys Play!)** (95822802) **8.00 The Wreck of the Mary Deare (1959)** (95842666) **10.00 Ride Vaquero (1953)** *(10082482)* **11.45 He Knows You're Alone (1980)** (59979579) **1.25am The Moonshine War (1970)** *(14427898)* **3.10-5.00 The Wreck of the Mary Deare (1959)** (58894864)

**GOLF 32**

Montgomerie up for count in Swedish farce

# SPORT

**CRICKET 34**

Wells makes third double-century to lift leaders

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## British look for golden finale

# Relay squad plan surprise for Americans

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

THE Great Britain athletics team, facing its least successful Olympic Games for 20 years, will be looking to Roger Black to lead a salvage operation when the 4 x 400 metres relay is held over the next two days. The event holds Britain's last realistic hope, albeit a faint one, of a victory, but the team is, without doubt, the strongest the nation has fielded.

What greater irony could there be than for the United States, which has been barely able to see beyond itself at these Olympics, to be beaten in the last of the track events? On home ground, in front of record crowds, it has dominated the top step of the podium and the presumption here is that Michael Johnson will anchor the four-lap team to the perfect climax for the American public tomorrow.

When Butch Reynolds, the 400 metres world record-holder, said in June that victory was "a formality, we should win by 30 or 40 metres," he was perhaps tempting fate. Since then, Reynolds has been injured, failing to reach the final of the individual event, and, Johnson apart, the performances of Britain's 400 metres runners compare favourably with those in the United States squad.

Black, in winning the silver medal, finished comfortably clear of Alvin Harrison, the second athlete from the home nation, and Iwan Thomas was just behind him in fifth place, and although Du'aine Ladejo, the European champion, is out of form, Britain has Mark Richardson, fifth in the world championships last year, and Jamie Baulch, aged only 23 but already the fifth-fastest Briton ever, to come in for the final. Had it not been for the towering presence of Johnson, there would be no shadow over optimism that Britain might avoid only its sixth Olympics, out of 23, without an athletics gold medal.

Although Britain will not name its quartet for each round until the deadline, one hour in advance, Black's comment yesterday "that there is no point in going out on to the track unless you are going out to win," suggests that the team will be structured, and briefed tactically, to gamble on victory rather than play safe for silver medals. If the Americans remain unflustered, they should remember two precedents in which victory was expected but Britain, as the squad T-shirts said after the second of them, "kicked their butts".

The first was in 1936, at the Berlin Olympics, when Freddie Wolff, Godfrey Rampling, Bill Roberts and Godfrey Brown left the United States trailing by two seconds in the silver medal position, despite the fact that, based on personal best times, the Americans should have won by 20 metres.

At the 1991 world championships in Tokyo, the Americans pressed self-destruct by not selecting Johnson, the world No 1 for two years, because he did not contest the 400 metres in the trials. Black, traditionally the anchorman, surprised everybody outside the camp by coming out to run the lead leg. The tactic was devised to unsettle the Americans, who like to lead from start. Black opened a gap, but, after Derek Redmond and John Regis had run legs two and three, Kriss Akabusi was three metres down at the final changeover. Sparing the British men's team from returning home without gold, Akabusi came past Antonio Pettigrew, who had beaten Black to the individual title a few days earlier, two strides from line.

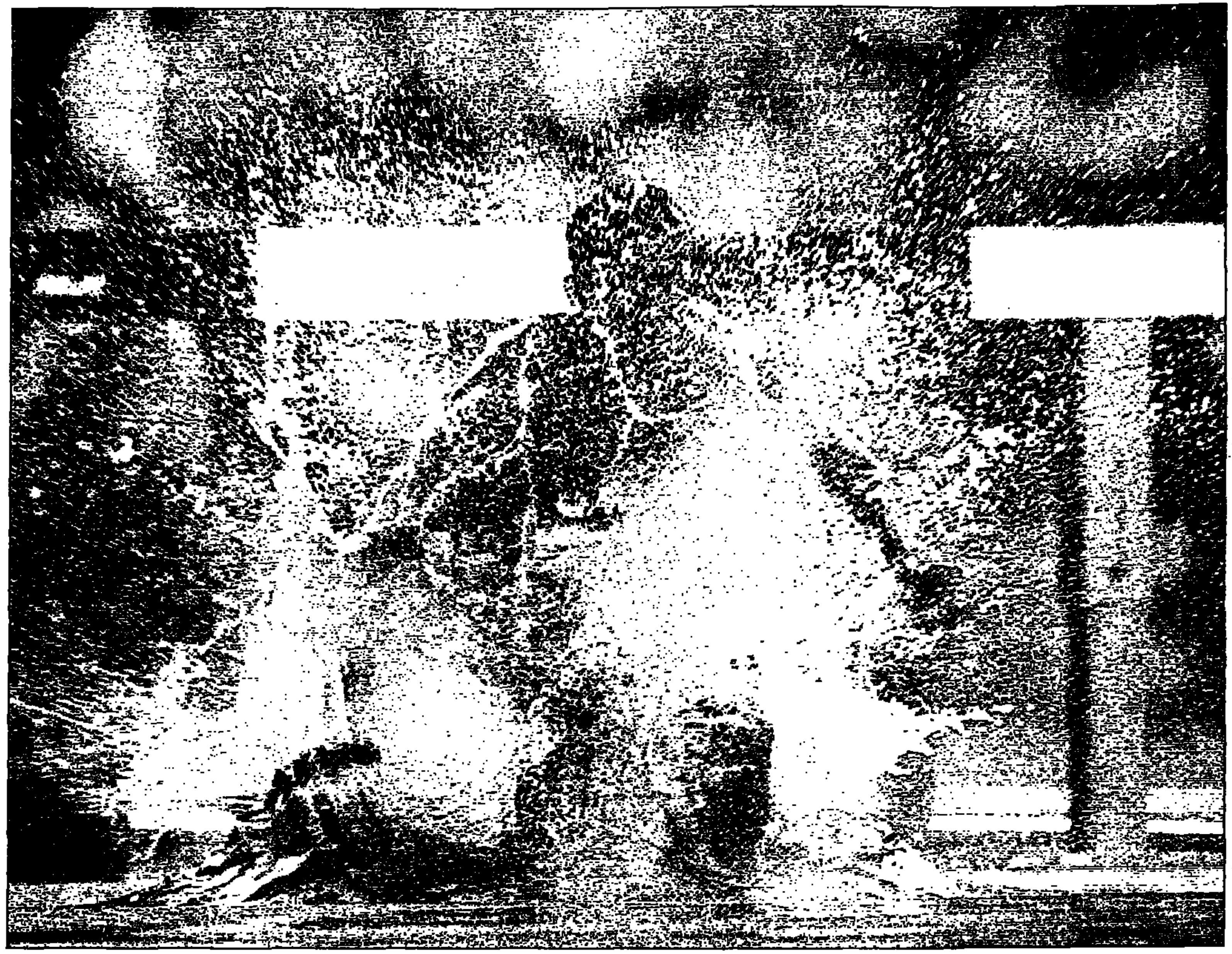
Be in no doubt that relays are highly-regarded integral part of the sport. Black described the victory as "more fulfilling for me than anything I have achieved on my own as an athlete."

At the British Olympic trials in June, Black set a British record on a landmark occasion for British 400 metres running. "I have looked forward to this day for a long time, four guys under 45 seconds," he said. "We are going to have a great relay team and that is important." He probably did not imagine then just how important it would become.

Linford Christie's exit in the second round of the 200 metres on Wednesday marked the end of his championship career in individual events. All that is left for him now is the 4 x 100 metres relay. Given the disappointing Olympics that Christie, Colin Jackson and Tony Jarrett have had and that Ian Mackie, who reached the 100 metres semi-finals, has returned home injured, a place on the podium appears little short of an impossibility.

Unless Britain can add to the silvers won by Black and Jonathan Edwards (triple jump), and bronzes taken by Steve Smith (high jump) and Denise Lewis (heptathlon), it will be left with its lowest medal count since 1976, when Brendan Foster won the solitary bronze, in the 10,000 metres. The 4 x 400 metres apart, Steve Backley (javelin), Kelly Holmes (1,500 metres) and, as long shots, Peter Whitehead and Richard Nerurkar in the marathon, seemed yesterday to be the only candidates to help push Britain up the medals table.

TONY MARSHALL



Jamal Hassan, of Qatar, makes an unwanted splash in his unavailing attempt to qualify for the final of the 3,000 metres steeplechase

# Lewis's right to run divides nation

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

THE controversy over whether Carl Lewis should run the last leg of the sprint relay in order to end his Olympic career with a record ten gold medals has become a matter of national debate in the United States.

For many Americans, Lewis personifies track and field athletics. Ever since he emulated Jesse Owens by taking four titles at the 1984 Olympic Games, Lewis has symbolised the United States' supremacy in the premier Olympic sport.

Because of the popularity of these Games, which are attracting record-breaking television audiences, many athletics enthusiasts want to use the opportunity of Lewis's farewell to promote their sport as much as they can.

However, Lewis finished eighth in the 100 metres final of the US trials and therefore has no direct right to be picked for the 4 x 100m relay. Three weeks ago, he did not even turn up for a relay training camp in North Carolina.

All eight runners from the final at the trials were invited to the camp and Erv Hunt, the US coach, is understandably reluctant to include Lewis, even if the athlete has run the final leg of the Olympic winning relay in the past three Games.

"For me to put a person on the team that does not want to come to practise when these other athletes are out there busting their behinds, I don't think is fair," Hunt said.

Jon Drummond, a member of the relay team, said of Lewis: "He won the long jump. That's not the 100 metres. He got beaten butt-naked in the trials.

"What is it that gives Carl the right to a tenth gold medal and deny somebody else the chance of fulfilling their dreams?"

Dennis Mitchell, 30, who was a member of the successful quartet in 1992 and is another contender for the squad this year after beating Lewis at the US trials, said: "Carl has had his moment. Let me have mine."

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Mike Marsh, another relay team member who belongs to Lewis's Santa Monica Track Club, is denying that he will step aside, but he said: "It's a very difficult question for me to answer. It puts me in a tremendously difficult spot."

The issue has split the United States team. Michael Johnson, who risks being upstaged if Lewis were to run in the relay, surprisingly said: "I always believe you put your best four out there. Seeing we dropped the baton last year [at the world championships, without Lewis] "if I was the coach, I would put Carl on the relay."

The pressure on Hunt is likely to mount before the semi-finals today, when the coach could change his line-up. Perhaps the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) will use its influence to get Lewis into the team. Perhaps Nike will offer a withdrawal fee to allow the sponsors' favourite athlete to run and make history by becoming the first competitor in any sport to win ten Olympic golds.

Perhaps there may even be a political intervention. Ron Wilson, the US representative, has written to President Clinton to ask him to start lobbying for Lewis. It is, as they say here, "a tough call" for the Americans.

Three other competitors apart from Lewis, have won nine gold medals in 100 years of the Games. They are Paavo Nurmi, a long-distance runner from Finland, Larissa Latynina, a Russian gymnast, and Mark Spitz, an American swimmer.

Lewis himself, started the controversy by suggesting that the public should contact the US Olympic Committee and campaign noisily in the stadium on his behalf. But yesterday he said: "I've accepted all along that the team has been selected. Now is the time to support the team."

However he added that he would run, if offered the chance by Hunt, and there remains an outside chance of a place if other members of the squad are injured. "I would take that," Lewis said.

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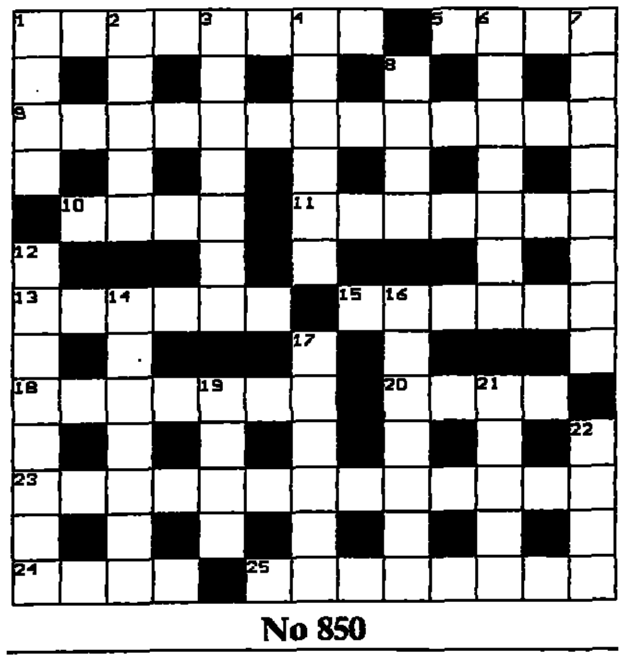

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# Beadsworth sails close to wind but leaves his best until last

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT, IN SAVANNAH

ANDY BEADSWORTH is a cool customer and it is just as well. He came within one race of being knocked out of the Soling match-racing in his quarter-final with Stig Westergaard, of Denmark, but converted it into a 3-2 win and then returned to the dock claiming the experience had not shaken him one bit.

It may not have affected Beadsworth but it was agonising for those of his supporters who were watching including Jim Saltonstall, the Great Britain coach, who was on the edge of his spectator boat. "It was nail-biting stuff," he said.

Beadsworth and his crew of Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead, found themselves in the quarter-finals on Wednesday because they lost their bye into the semi-finals after slipping to third overall on the last day of the fleet racing. Although Beadsworth is probably the most talanted match-racer still in the competition, Westergaard is the next best.

Despite sailing in the Spanish team's second-string boat after his own yacht was deemed illegal by measurers at the beginning of the regatta, Westergaard — this year's match-racing champion in Solings — had shown good speed and a fighting spirit to make it into the top six.

After two races and two victories, he seemed to have it all wrapped up. On each occasion the Britons were ahead, but then lost on the downwind legs as the Danes, with a slacker rig setting, produced more speed. But Beadsworth noticed the difference and altered his settings accordingly. In race three he led from start to finish.

The fourth race was decided in the pre-start when Westergaard earned a penalty for not responding quickly enough to a luff with just one minute to go. Approaching the windward mark for the second time in the lead, he tried to force Beadsworth into a penalty of his own, but ended up stopping his boat dead in the water, allowing the Britons to sail past.

So it came down to the last race. Westergaard got away again up the beat but Beadsworth caught up on the run. About three-quarters of the way down it, Westergaard incurred another penalty for not sailing a proper course after his spinnaker touched Beadsworth's shroud. The Dane then fluffed his mark-rounding allowing Beadsworth an overlap, and they were off to the finish.

"That fifth one was a big match," Beadsworth said, "but we were sailing well. I was pleased. We had had a problem downwind and maybe didn't have the rig forward enough." Yesterday, Beadsworth was sailing in the semi-finals against the German double Olympic gold medal-winner Jochen Schümann. "He's got good speed and we are going to need to get up for it," Beadsworth said, "but we're on a roll now with all our pre-race nerves out of the way." Victory will assure him of a silver medal at worst. Defeat will mean a sail-off for bronze.

The other semi-final was being contested by the Russian crew led by Georgi Shayduko and the American boat helmed by Jeff Madrigali. Shayduko had earlier disposed of the Canadians, Bill and Joanne Abbott and Brad Boston, 3-0.

Meanwhile, Britain's John Merricks and Ian Walker were facing their eleventh and last race in the 470s, knowing that they could afford to make no mistakes to hold on to the silver-medal position. They have had a difficult and inconsistent regatta by their own standards and have done well to claw their way into contention after some uneven results.

The gold is already secure in the hands of the Ukrainian pairing of Yevhen Braslavets and Ihor Matviyenko but, luckily for Merricks and Walker, many of the other leading crews have had their off-days, too.

However three crews — the Russians, Portuguese and Americans — were capable of stealing silver from them and six could take the bronze. To get either, Merricks and Walker could not afford a disaster which could plunge them out of medal contention.

Beadsworth, left, Parkin and Stead are in the medal hunt

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